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THE COURT: We ready to proceed?

MR. HARDING: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Ms. Rhodes?

MS. RHODES: I believe your clerk has had a chance to show you the article that we're concerned about. This is from, I just learned of it this morning, although I had heard yesterday on NPR a similar story about the lack of solution in Baltimore's homicide rate and that Stop Snitching culture or the Stop Snitching videos were, in part, to blame.

The concern I have in particular now is that on Sunday the lead story in the <u>Baltimore Sun</u> was about, it was called "Murders, Cold Trail", about the lack of solutions of homicides in the city. We're concerned that there may have been jurors who read this because this does not directly have to do with our case. It's in theory a general article although, in fact, it has a lot to do with our case.

Just for the record, it is the lead article in the Sunday Sun. It takes up, apart from the masthead, about three-quarters of the first page with a picture, a graphic, a graph indicating the rate and indicating the national rate compared to the Baltimore rate. It also has a picture of the, of Kenneth Harris, who, a prominent politician in the city, who was killed a few week ago, and whose homicide has not been solved.

Of particular concern is, in terms of the content, is

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the frequent reference to the Stop Snitching issues. And our concern is if the jurors have read any of this, that they will be influenced by it and be concerned about the, even more concerned about the testimony they may be hearing about the Stop Snitching video.

In particular, there's a quote from a professor at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York indicating that one of the, two of the problems that exist right now regarding the lack of solving these homicides, is the, quote, "exodus of veteran talent in the mid nine 1990s in the Homicide Division", and these, quote, "subsequent growth of a Stop Snitching culture."

And then there are a couple more paragraphs that discuss the Stop Snitching momentum. And the other quote from Kennedy is that the Stop Snitching momentum which stands in opposition to law enforcement's ability to investigate and prosecute crimes is swamping the beneficial impact of a lower homicide rate.

This is something that, I mean, it goes on to say, you still need witnesses, you still need juries that will convict.

And if any of the jurors have read this, we're very concerned about the impact that would have.

It also quotes from somebody who's also a witness in the case, Detective Cherry, Bob Cherry, who's apparently the incoming president of the Baltimore's Police Union. And he

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indicates that apart from the issues of their staffing and things like that, there's a separate issue regarding the Stop Snitching problem. His quote is, "but if witnesses in the community aren't willing to come forward and say that's the person in the photo array", which, as you recall, is an issue in this case, "and they aren't willing to tell that to a jury, then we just can't seal a deal."

Then further it talks about the fact that sometimes they have to work with federal, their federal counterparts in order to get convictions which, again, is an issue that arises in this case. It quotes, it says, the article says that Cherry and McLarney said police are working around the Stop Snitching culture by arresting homicide suspects on gun or drug charges.

They then discuss somebody who was arrested by city detectives and federal drug agents in September and they say that he's both, Butler played a role in at least three homicides, which is something that they're saying it's a drug organization, but there were several homicides involved which, again, is something that sounds a lot like the situation in this case. And he says, you're going to have evidentiary issues in a lot of them. That's why we use our drug squads and federal partners and we target people.

So our concern is that, again, that if people have read this, they're going to be, their impressions of what they need to do as jurors are going to be pretty well set forth for them in

this article.

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In light of that we're asking for a mistrial because we think this pool may well be irreparably tainted. I don't even know what the other media outlets carried. I haven't had time to research that because I didn't seen this article until this morning. But I would ask the Court for a chance to do that and see what the television coverage was, because I know simply that from what I've, the only other outlet I listened to was NPR yesterday morning and that did carry the story. I don't know if it carried it as a national story or local story.

So in addition to, in the alternative, if the Court is not inclined to grant a mistrial, we would ask that the jury, either way, that the jury be polled to ask which of them, if any of them, have read this article or heard the story on the news and that the Court issue a curative instruction or an instruction to ask them to set aside what they have heard, if they can, to the extent they can, and to consider only the facts of this case and remind them that they are sitting only on this case, and what's happening outside of here is not supposed to influence their decision.

THE COURT: The motion for a mistrial is denied. And I'll hear from the government in a moment. Would you be satisfied, Ms. Rhodes, if I were to simply ask, once the jury is seated, any juror who read the lead article in the <u>Sunpapers</u> on Sunday to raise his or her hand, so that you all would have a

chance to know exactly which jurors read the article. And then I would give an instruction along the lines of reminding the jury that they are not to consider anything that occurs or that they learned outside this courtroom as evidence and to disregard. And I would also mention to the jury, of course, that if they read the article, it was not a violation of my instruction because there's nothing in the article that would lead one to believe it had anything to do with this case. It really was just a general article.

MS. RHODES: Right.

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THE COURT: Routine crime-type article. And just remind them that they're to disregard what they read. And that any juror who hadn't read the article should not read it, simply have their family save it if they want to see it after the trial. Would you be satisfied with that?

MS. RHODES: No, Your Honor. We would ask that those jurors who did read it be individually voir dired. Particularly because the Stop Snitching issue was such a hot button during the jury selection and so many people had heard of it and had opinions on it. I think that we just need to make sure that that didn't push some people over the edge.

THE COURT: I'm sorry. So in other words, you would be okay with me generally asking any juror who read the article to raise his or her hand, and then you want an individual voir dire of each of those jurors who had read the article?

1 MS. RHODES: Correct.

2 THE COURT: Okay.

MS. RHODES: And we're not withdrawing the mistrial

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THE COURT: I understand. I understand.

MS. RHODES: Thank you.

THE COURT: All right. Mr. Coburn.

MR. COBURN: Thank you so much, Your Honor. I just wanted to make sure it was clear that we join in the motion for a mistrial.

THE COURT: I'm assuming everybody joins in the motion.

Yes. Mr. Harding?

MR. HARDING: Judge, the article doesn't have anything to do with this case. Detective Cherry is not a witness in this case. There are articles every day in the paper that raise issues that sound like issues in this case, but that's not enough to create a taint on this jury.

The government's belief is that if the Court individually voir dires the jury, as has been suggested, that it will only call attention to this issue and create a risk of taint that doesn't now exist. I think the best course of action for the Court would be to do nothing at all, frankly. And the Court is not obligated to do anything because there has been nothing raised today that should lead the Court to feel it has to make an inquiry of the jury.

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absolutely agree with everything you said. The difficulty that the Court faces in this context, however, is that if the Court fails to inquire and then later on something pops up, not that Ms. Rhodes or any other counsel would ever do it, they're going to be standing down in a courtroom in Richmond, if there's a conviction, saying, See, we told the, as they say, learned district judge to at least ask questions. And you're going to have a panel down there saying, Why didn't the judge just take a few minutes and inquire.

So I'm going to do it, although I agree with you. But it's a risk that the defense gets to, gets to take. And I would be loathe to prohibit the defense from taking that risk. I think you're absolutely right — to call attention to it may well increase the risk. But I think I should at least take a poll of the jury and see who read it. Hopefully, there won't be more than three or four of them and I'll bring them out one at a time to inquire. So would you bring the jury out, please?

MS. RHODES: If I could have this exhibit marked?

THE COURT: Yes. We used to have a fine newspaper in this town.

MR. MARTIN: Seems like a long time ago, doesn't it?

THE COURT: Did you see the Los Angeles Times is going to lay off 75 more? It's just, I guess we're only going to have about five newspapers in the whole country in another few years.

MR. COBURN: If they survive.

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THE COURT: Yeah. Mr. Harding, Mr. Hanlon, I want to express the Court's appreciation to you. When you got back to your office yesterday and realized that there may be some changes in the witness lineup, that you told had us about, you promptly by e-mail notified counsel of those possible changes. And I appreciate that.

MR. HARDING: Thank you.

(Jury enters the courtroom at 10 a.m.)

THE COURT: Members of the jury, good morning, and thank you for your patience. The Court needs to take a moment this morning to make inquiry of you as to certain matters.

There was a lead article in the Sunday <u>Sun</u> two days ago, the <u>Baltimore Sun</u>, that was a crime related article on the front page. It got some rather prominent exposure on the front page of the <u>Sun</u>. The article did not deal with this case. So if anybody read the article, it would not in any way have been a violation of the Court's instructions to avoid media reports about this case.

But I need to ask you, and I would ask you to just raise your hand and keep it raised for a moment, if, as I've described it to you now, the lead article in the Baltimore Sunpapers on Sunday, if you read that article, please raise your right hand.

(No response.)

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THE COURT: The record will reflect that not a single juror has raised his or her right hand. My suspicion is that some of you may have noticed the article and thought it might have had something to do with this trial and, in accordance with my instructions, you did not read the article. And I thank you for that. And it simply confirms for me my strong belief and conviction that you are conscientiously adhering to all of my instructions. And indeed, it would appear that you're erring on the side of caution to be as certain as you possibly can to avoid any inadvertent violation of the Court's instructions.

I will remind you, as I have repeatedly, that you are to have no discussion about the case or about the evidence. You should keep an open mind about all issues until we come to the very end of the case when you've been instructed as to the law and told you may begin your deliberations.

You should continue to avoid, as you have, any exposure to media reports by printed media or over the air or broadcast media that you think might have anything to do with this case or any of the issues related to this case. And again, I thank you for your conscientious service as jurors in this case.

All right. We're ready to continue. Government may call its next witness.

MR. HANLON: Your Honor, the United States calls Detective Brian Edwards to the stand.

DETECTIVE BRIAN EDWARDS, GOVERNMENT'S WITNESS, SWORN

- 1 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- THE CLERK: Be seated. Speak directly toward the mike.
- 3 State your name and spell it for the record, please.
- 4 THE WITNESS: Detective Brian Edwards. E-D-W-A-R-D-S.
- 5 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 6 BY MR. HANLON:
- 7 Q Detective, good morning to you.
- 8 THE COURT: Thank you for coming back, Detective
- 9 Edwards. We couldn't reach you yesterday.
- 10 Q Where do you work, sir?
- 11 A I work for the Baltimore County Police Department. I'm now
- 12 assigned to the Homicide Unit.
- 13 Q And how long have you been working homicide?
- 14 A Almost four years. December will be four years.
- 15 Q Now, back in -- how long have you been a police officer?
- 16 A Thirteen years.
- 17 Q Back in June of 2002, were you a police officer then?
- 18 A I was.
- 19 Q If my math is correct, that would have been before your
- 20 current position with the Homicide Unit, is that right?
- 21 A Yes, I was assigned to the Robbery Unit in the Criminal
- 22 Investigation Division.
- 23 Q And you were a detective at that time?
- 24 A Yes, that's correct.
- 25 Q Directing your attention to June 7th of 2002, in the late

- 1 afternoon and evening, did you become involved in providing
- 2 assistance with two recent arrests?
- 3 A I was involved, yes.
- 4 Q And did these arrests arise or relate to the shooting that
- 5 day of a lady named Tonya Jones Spence?
- 6 A That's correct.
- 7 Q Who were the two individuals you interacted with that day?
- 8 A There were two subjects that were identified as Shawn
- 9 Gardner and Aaron Holly. Aaron Holly had given a different name
- but was later identified as Aaron Wayne Holly.
- 11 Q Mr. Holly originally identified himself by Tavon Brown, is
- 12 that correct?
- 13 A That's correct.
- 14 Q Now, Detective Edwards, this case you're testifying about
- 15 today is about six years ago. If you saw either of these
- individuals again, would you recognize them?
- 17 A I'd say it's possible, and most likely have to refer to the
- arrest or processing photos from that day.
- 19 Q There would be better looking at a photograph?
- 20 A There would be.
- 21 Q Let me show you what's been marked as Government's Exhibit
- 22 | 100-A. Do you recognize that individual?
- 23 A That is the subject, Shawn Gardner.
- Q And let me ask you a couple -- did he more or less appear
- 25 that way on June 7th of '02?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q Showing you Government's Exhibit 100-B as in boy. Is that a
- 3 profile shot of Mr. Gardner?
- 4 A It is.
- 5 Q Government's Exhibit S-100C as in Charlie. Is that a
- 6 reverse profile shot of Mr. Gardner?
- 7 A It is.
- 8 Q And then finally, Government's Exhibit S-59. Who is this
- 9 individual?
- 10 A That is Aaron Holly.
- 11 Q Now, what interaction did you have with Mr. Gardner and Mr.
- Holly that day? What was your role?
- 13 A I was supporting Detective Ruby. Initially that day, the
- 14 Robbery Unit was called out to handle the incident. Once we
- 15 lettered that the victim was deceased, then Homicide took over.
- Detective Ruby and I had already responded to the
- 17 precinct where there were two subjects in custody. Detective
- Ruby and I went in to the interview rooms with each subject
- individually and attempted interviews, Detective Ruby being the
- lead and I was in as a support or witness.
- 21 Q Now, at some point, Detective, you were involved in actually
- getting some property from the defendants and later from the
- lockers, is that right?
- 24 A That's correct.
- 25 Q Let me ask you about, first of all, your interaction in

- terms of getting things from Mr. Gardner. You took a couple of items, including clothing items, from Mr. Gardner's person, is that right?
- 4 A That's correct.
- Q Let me show you a couple of items. Showing you he's been marked as Government's Exhibit S-11. Can I approach the witness, Your Honor?
- 8 THE COURT: Yes.

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- Q Detective, understanding it may be apparent, can you tell us what S-11 is?
- 11 A I'm sorry. Could you repeat that?
- Q Government's Exhibit S-11, can you tell me what is the item

  I just handed you?
  - A That is an item that is labeled with a Baltimore County inventory number of Item 3901-002. My identification number with Baltimore County Police is 3901. Anything that I would seize would be inventoried under my ID number with this incident number, and then sequentially numbered. So this is the second item I seized.
  - It is a pair of blue jeans belonging to Shawn Earl Gardner.
- Q You collected these jeans from Mr. Gardner and then inventoried them as you described, is that correct?
- 24 A That's correct.
- 25 Q I've handed you what's been marked as Government's Exhibit

- 1 S-12. Can you tell us what S-12 is?
- 2 A This is an item inventoried with the number 3901-1. And it
- 3 is a gray T-shirt, which I seized from Mr. Gardner.
- 4 Q Also placed it into evidence, the same procedure?
- 5 A That's correct.
- 6 Q Now, staying on Mr. Gardner for a moment, Detective. You
- 7 also inventoried some items that were stored in a locker
- 8 referenced to Mr. Gardner, is that right?
- 9 A That's correct.
- 10 Q Tell us about that procedure. Tell us about how the lockers
- operate at the precinct and how you went about doing that?
- 12 A At Precinct 2, there is a set of lockers near where the
- prisoners come in and out of the back door. It's in the prisoner
- 14 processing area. Desk officers would normally, as part of
- 15 procedure, take certain property off of the prisoners before
- they're placed in a holding cell. That property is typically put
- in a bag, labeled, and put in a locker. The key from that
- locker, which is numbered, is then passed through to an
- administrative area of the precinct and then held, held there
- 20 under that prisoner's name.
- 21 Q And you went through the locker for Mr. Gardner?
- 22 A I did.
- 23 Q Let me ask you about some items there. Beginning with
- Government's Exhibit S-13. Detective, what is S-13?
- 25 A S-13 is Item Number 3901-006. And they're brown Timberland

- 1 boots that belonged to Shawn Gardner.
- 2 Q Now, just to be clear. There were a couple of items of
- 3 clothing that you took from Mr. Gardner's person --
- 4 A That's correct.
- 5 Q -- that day. But these boots had been placed in his locker 6 before you arrived there?
- 7 A That's correct. The previous two items on the table there I
- 8 actually received from his person. These were received from the
- 9 prisoner property locker. The packaging inside of the outer
- packaging would have been the original, the bag. And I have a
- personal, or my handwriting here, a note, that says from prisoner
- locker 2034, meaning 8:34 p.m. on that date of June 7th of 2002.
- And in other writing, presumably the desk officer's writing, is
- 14 | the name "Gardner."
- Q So this second bag that you're looking at was the original
- bag that all of the items in the locker were in?
- 17 A That's correct. When I went to the locker and was given the
- 18 key, I opened it up. I took this bag out. This bag contained a
- few items, including the boots. I removed the other items from
- 20 the bag and packaged them individually, kept the boots in the
- 21 original bag here.
- 22 The tag on this bag is my handwriting and then the tag
- on the outside of this bag is someone else's handwriting, most
- 24 likely re-packaging the evidence after this packaging had become
- 25 torn and tattered.

1 Q Thank you. Your Honor, for the record, I've also unfolded
2 the gray shirt, which is Government's Exhibit S-12, so it's
3 little bit more visible to the jury.

Continuing to go through the locker items, Detective, I'm going to use our overhead projector device for some of these things. Marked as Government's Exhibit S-14. I'm going to put the item on the overhead projector and then I'm going to show you the envelope, Detective, for your purposes.

A This is Item 3901-7. I labeled it as a hat, a black nylon hat with strings. Than would have come from the, the bag that I just mentioned, the prisoner property inventory of Shawn Gardner.

- Q And again, Detective, you're indicating that this is a hat.
- 13 For the record, it's a black item?
- 14 A Black nylon type material, yes.
- 15 Q It's knotted in the rear of the hat, is that correct?
- 16 A Yes, that's correct.

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- Q And then there are, I'm not sure if they're draw strings or strings going down from the bottom of the item?
- 19 A That's correct.
- Q Now, I'm now showing the jury and I've handed you a bag
  relating to Government's Exhibit S-15. Could you tell us what
  S-15 is?
  - A S-15 is an item labeled 3901-10, a knife, which I made note of black and red handled knife. This came from the property inventory bag of Shawn Gardner.

- 1 Q I've handed you what I will call S-14A for this case, at
- least the envelope for it. And placing this item on our screen.
- 3 Can you tell us what S-14A is, Detective?
- 4 A That is an item inventoried as 3901-8, a cell phone and a
- 5 Nokia model 5165, with an electronic serial number of
- 6 09410804943, and an extra battery. And this, again, came from
- 7 the inventory of Shawn Gardner.
- 8 Q Finally, on this topic, Government's Exhibit S-16, I'm
- 9 placing on the overhead device and I'm giving you the envelope in
- 10 which it was contained. Detective, can you tell us what S-16 is?
- 11 A S-16 an item inventoried as Item 3901-11, an ID in the name
- of Shawn Gardner. It's a Maryland driver's license.
- 13 O You've indicated the ID is in the name of Shawn Earl
- Gardner. Can you read the address on the ID into the record,
- 15 please?
- 16 A 82 Ambo Circle, Baltimore, Maryland, 21220.
- 17 Q If I can have a moment, Your Honor, just to clear out the
- 18 table.
- THE COURT: Yes. Would you like some water, Detective?
- THE WITNESS: I'm fine. Thank you, sir.
- 21 Q After dealing with Mr. Gardner, his person, his property
- locker, you also met with Mr. Holly, then identified as Mr.
- Brown, is that correct?
- 24 A That's correct.
- 25 Q Let me talk to you about some items taken from Mr. Holly's

- person, again. First of all, Government's Exhibit S-23. Can you tell us what S-23 is, Detective?
- 3 A S-23 is an item labeled 3901-16. It is a pair of blue
- 4 jeans. And that is, the bag is labeled Brown, in my handwriting,
- 5 Brown's blue jeans. Then it's crossed out with the corrected
- 6 name of Holly.
- 7 Q So initially identified as Brown's blue jeans, later
- 8 corrected to read Holly?
- 9 A That's correct.
- 10 Q Government's S-22.
- 11 A This is an item labeled 3901-15, a white T-shirt. Again,
- 12 labeled Brown's T-shirt and then crossed out, with the corrected
- 13 name of Holly.
- 14 Q There's a couple of pieces of handwriting on this T-shirt,
- Detective, dated 8/16/02, it looks like. Just for clarity, and
- so the jury's not wondering, that appears to be police officer's
- evidence handwriting, is that?
- 18 A That's correct. That was not on there at the time I seized
- 19 the T-shirt.
- 20 O Government's Exhibit S-24.
- 21 A This is an item labeled 3901-19, bandanna, red. My
- 22 handwritten note on the packaging is bandanna on the left side of
- 23 the pants waistband, with the name of Brown crossed out and
- corrected to be Holly.
- 25 Q Your Honor, may I show this to the jury just briefly?

1 THE COURT: Yes.

2 (Mr. Hanlon exhibits to the jury the bandanna.)

- BY MR. HANLON:
- 4 Q You also went through a property locker associated with Mr.
- 5 Holly, Detective?
- 6 A I did.

- 7 Q First of all, Detective, was the locker containing Mr.
- 8 Holly's personal items organized and separated out the same way
- 9 that the Gardner locker was?
- 10 A It was.
- 11 Q You indicated with Mr. Gardner's locker that there was an
- original bag that contained all of the property and that you sort
- of re-cataloged it separately?
- 14 A That's correct. And that was the case with Mr. Holly's
- 15 stuff as well.
- Q Mr. Holly's sort of original bag, if I can call it that, was
- it labeled in the name Holly or was it labeled in the name Brown?
- 18 A It was labeled in the name Brown. And this item you can see
- right here in the marker, it's the name Brown, which I then
- 20 crossed out and corrected with Holly.
- 21 Q And this particular item that I've put in front of you,
- 22 which is Government's Exhibit S-25, what is S-25?
- 23 A Item 3901-20. And it's a pair of Timberland boots.
- Q Again, from Holly's locker?
- 25 A From Holly's locker, that's correct.

- 1 Q Finally, Government's Exhibit S-21. What is Exhibit S-21,
- 2 Detective?
- 3 A That is Item 3901-22, a knife, which I noted to have a red
- 4 and black handle. And it was also received from Holly's
- 5 inventory bag.
- 6 Q Now, Detective, did you note any comparison between this
- 7 knife, which is S-21, and an item taken from Mr. Gardner's
- 8 locker, which has been previously marked as Government's Exhibit
- 9 S-15?
- 10 A I noted that they appeared to be the same brand, model, make
- 11 knife as each other.
- 12 Q One was in Mr. Gardner's locker, the other one in Mr.
- 13 Holly's?
- 14 A That's correct.
- 15 Q Detective Edwards, I believe I have no further questions for
- 16 you. Thank you. Thank you, Your Honor.
- 17 CROSS EXAMINATION
- 18 BY MR. KURLAND:
- 19 Q Good morning, Officer. Is it Officer or Detective?
- 20 A Detective.
- 21 Q Detective.
- 22 A Good morning, sir.
- 23 Q Don't want to demote you. I just have a couple of
- questions. Just so it's clear. On the items that you testified
- 25 to concerning the property inventory bag that was segregated, one

- for Mr. Gardner, one for Mr. Holly.
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q You did not personally put those items in the bag?
- 4 A No. The state that I received them in, they were already in
- 5 a bag labeled with each person's name and then in a secured
- 6 locker. That's how I received them.
- 7 Q Okay. So you don't, you actually weren't the one that took
- 8 those items from --
- 9 A No.
- 10 Q -- the suspects? All right. In addition to that, it's
- 11 correct that from Mr. Gardner, in either the property inventory
- bag or the items you actually took from him, no set of car keys?
- 13 A I made a note of Item 3901-12, keys. And in the description
- I made various keys. Unless I saw them, I couldn't remember
- 15 whether there were car keys on that ring or not.
- 16 Q And the last question. With respect to the red bandanna
- that you were shown, may I approach, Your Honor?
- THE COURT: Yes.
- 19 Q This was from, in Mr. Holly's property inventory bag, is
- 20 that correct?
- 21 A That was actually recovered off of his blue jeans waistband.
- Q Okay. So it was tied to his waistband?
- 23 A Yes.
- 24 Q In your experience as an officer, does that signify some
- 25 | sort of gang affiliation?

- 1 Α It does. 2 I have no further questions. 3 REDIRECT EXAMINATION BY MR. HANLON: 4 Just a quick follow-up, Your Honor. Detective, I've shown 5 6 you what I'll mark as Government's Exhibit 14-B as in Bravo. 7 Could you tell us what this item is? 8 That is item numbered 3901-12, the keys I made mention to. 9 They were recovered from Shawn Gardner's prisoner inventory bag. 10 And I think you alluded to this on cross examination. Would 11 you have any way offhand of knowing whether there are any car 12 keys or house keys or what these various keys would activate? 13 There are some keys that are marked with car manufacturer 14 logos that sometimes you can tell are car keys. Others, it's 15 unclear. I'd have to see these or have them in my hand to be 16 able to tell you whether I can make any determination with these 17 particular keys.
  - A moment please, Your Honor. That's all right, Detective. Thank you.

THE COURT: Thank you very much, Detective.

MR. KURLAND: Your Honor, briefly, one question. need to take a quick look at that. Could I approach the witness?

> THE COURT: Yes.

RECROSS EXAMINATION

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## REDIRECT AND RECROSS EXAMINATION OF EDWARDS

- 1 Officer, it's a good thing I didn't bring my car keys with 2 me today because they would have the risk of being turned into an 3 exhibit. But in your professional experience or both as a police officer and just as a person who has driven cars, nothing there 4 5 are car keys, are there?
  - It doesn't appear that any of these are car keys. Α
  - Thank you. That's all, Your Honor.

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THE COURT: All right. Thank you very much, Detective.

THE WITNESS: Thank you, sir.

THE COURT: You're excused.

MR. KURLAND: Your Honor, with respect to, I believe, the government's next witness, I need a brief side bar on one issue that will take about one minute.

THE COURT: All right. Come on up.

(Bench conference on the record:)

MR. KURLAND: Your Honor, the government's next witness is Deandre Wesley.

THE COURT: Say the name again.

MR. KURLAND: Deandre Wesley. Kelly David's son. Ιn the state trial, he didn't cooperate at all with the police and gave no statement. At the state trial, the state prosecutor elicited that the reason why he didn't cooperate is he was afraid he was going to be killed, the same thing would happen to them. I forgot to ask Mr. Hanlon if he was going to elicit that.

MR. HANLON: Unless he's asked on cross examination why

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       he didn't cooperate with police, I won't go into it.
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                 MR. KURLAND: Okay. Thank you, Judge.
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                 (End of bench conference.)
                 MR. HANLON: Your Honor, the United States calls
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       Deandre Wesley to the stand. I believe he's on his way out.
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                  DEANDRE WESLEY, GOVERNMENT'S WITNESS, SWORN
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                 THE WITNESS: Yes, ma'am.
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                 THE CLERK: Be seated. Scoot up and speak directly
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       toward the mike. State your name and spell it for the record,
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       please.
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                 THE WITNESS: Deandre Wesley. D-E-A-N-D-R-E.
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                 DIRECT EXAMINATION
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       BY MR. HANLON:
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            Now, directing your attention, Mr. Wesley, back to June of
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       2002, in fact, June 7th of 2002. Where were you living at that
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time?

- 1 A 8618 Bramble Lane, Apartment 102.
- 2 Q And that's also in Randallstown in Baltimore County?
- 3 A Yes, sir.
- 4 Q Did you live with your mom, Kelly David, at that time?
- 5 A Yes, sir.
- 6 Q On the late afternoon, 4:50 or so, p.m., on June 7th of
- 7 2002, were you near your home outside?
- 8 A Yes, sir.
- 9 Q What were you doing that day?
- 10 A Outside chilling, talking to my friends.
- 11 Q Just hanging out?
- 12 A Yes, sir.
- 13 Q Now, at some point did something unusual happen?
- 14 A Yes. We heard a loud noise outside.
- 15 Q Now, where were you and your friends when you heard this
- 16 loud noise?
- 17 A We was inside the complex building.
- 18 Q And the complex building, this would be like the front area
- where you would go to get into your apartment?
- 20 A Yes, sir.
- 21 Q And I gather there's like a stairwell?
- 22 A Um-hum.
- 23 Q Between the apartments? That's a yes?
- 24 A Yes, sir.
- Q And you heard a loud bang. And how many bangs did you hear,

- 1 if you remember?
- 2 A Just one.
- 3 | Q What did you and your friends do after you heard that loud
- 4 bang?
- 5 A We looked around. We didn't notice nothing so we just kept
- 6 on talking. And then we saw two guys run down the steps and we
- 7 ran right behind them.
- 8 Q Give me just a moment. Mr. Wesley, this is a photograph
- 9 that's been marked as Government's Exhibit S-56. I'm going to
- zoom it in a little bit. Can you see it on your screen?
- 11 A Yes, sir.
- 12 Q Is this the front entrance to the apartment building where
- 13 you lived with your mom back in June of '02?
- 14 A Yes, sir.
- 15 Q How old were you then?
- 16 A Seven, I think seven. 12. I'm sorry.
- 17 Q That's all right. You were young at that time, correct?
- 18 A Very young.
- 19 Q All starts to blend together, doesn't it?
- 20 A Um-hum.
- 21 Q So you're 12 years old at that time. Now, you mentioned
- 22 that there was this sort of inner complex and a stairwell in
- between the apartments. Is that what you were talking about?
- 24 A Yes, sir.
- 25 Q And when this event happened, that you heard a loud bang and

- 1 there were two guys, you were inside that area, that is right?
- 2 A Yes, sir.
- 3 Q Now, let me ask you about the two men that you and your
- 4 friends sort of followed out. They just happened to be there at
- 5 the same time, is that right?
- 6 A Yes, sir.
- 7 Q Now, when the two men came outside, did you see what they
- 8 did or where they went?
- 9 A Yes. They came right out into the front, right up under the
- 10 first porch.
- 11 Q Right here?
- 12 A Yes, sir. And we was, we was still on the sidewalk and we
- just looked at them. I didn't picture them. I didn't see their
- faces or anything. But what they did, one of the guys pulled out
- 15 a gun, and they had on latex gloves, shot the lady. I wasn't
- paying attention to how many shots were shot. I just saw, I was
- just paying attention on the gun and the gloves because the first
- thing that was going through my head was, I'm in a movie.
- 19 O That's how it felt?
- 20 A Yes, sir.
- 21 Q Did you recognize the lady that was getting shot?
- 22 A Yes, sir.
- 23 Q And who was she?
- 24 A My next door neighbor.
- 25 Q Did you know her name at the time?

- 1 A No. I just, we just say hi and bye to each other.
- 2 Q You recognized her as your next door neighbor?
- 3 A Yes, sir.
- 4 Q Do you remember which apartment she lived in?
- 5 A Yes, the top floor.
  - Q Right here?
- 7 A Yes, sir.

- 8 Q Now, let me ask you about these two, these two individuals.
- 9 First of all, you've already mentioned that you saw
  10 something on the hands of one of them?
- 11 A Yes, sir.
- 12 Q And what was it that you saw on the hands?
- 13 A Latex gloves, as doctors would wear if they was doing an operation or something.
- Q And which one of the two men was wearing latex gloves? Was it one of them that you noticed or both of them that you noticed?
- 17 A I just noticed one because I was just focused on the gun.
- 18 Q And that kind of brings me to the next question. The one
- 19 you knew had latex gloves also had something in his hand?
- 20 A Yes, sir.
- 21 Q And that was what?
- 22 A A gun.
- Q Do you know one way or the other, Mr. Wesley, whether or not
- 24 it was just one of them with latex gloves and a gun? Do you know
- 25 whether the other man had latex gloves and a gun?

- 1 A To be honest, I wasn't paying attention. I was just focused
- 2 on the gun and the gloves.
- 3 Q You were focused just on the one?
- 4 A Yes, sir.
- 5 Q And you've also mentioned that you didn't get a look at the
- faces of either of these two men, is that right?
- 7 A No, sir.
- 8 Q Do you remember, they were both guys, is that correct?
- 9 A Yes, sir.
- 10 Q Do you remember what their racial background was?
- 11 A They was black.
- 12 Q And would you have any way of knowing, Mr. Wesley, if you
- saw either of these two men again?
- 14 A No, sir.
- 15 Q Would you have any way of knowing if either of them is in
- 16 court today?
- 17 A No, sir.
- 18 Q Now, after you saw this, I gather you were frightened, is
- 19 that right?
- 20 A Yes, sir.
- 21 Q Did you notice what the two men did after one of them shot
- 22 the lady?
- 23 A They ran towards Northwest Hospital direction, and towards
- Northwest Hospital.
- 25 Q Your Honor, may I get the overhead?

1 THE COURT: Yes. 2 Okay, Mr. Wesley. Hopefully the jury can all see our map. This is Government's Exhibit S-1. And over near here, near this 3 red star, near the upper part of the exhibit is where your 4 5 apartment building was at that time, is that right? 6 Yes, sir. Α 7 THE COURT: Mr. Wesley, I'm sorry. I need you to speak 8 into the microphone. 9 Α Yes, sir. 10 I know it's awkward, Mr. Wesley. This will be the last 11 couple of questions. If you would, show us with your finger 12 where you saw, what direction you saw the men running in on S-1? 13 Α Straight down here. Just --14 THE COURT: Mr. Wesley. Okay. Go ahead. 15 It's like a little path right here. We call this right here 16 the circle. And this path leads straight to Northwest Hospital. 17 Thank you, sir. And Mr. Wesley, was that the last you saw 18 the men? 19 Α Yes, sir. Yes, sir. 2.0 Thank you, Mr. Wesley. Q 2.1 THE WITNESS: No problem. 22 THE COURT: Thank you, Your Honor. 23 MR. KURLAND: Court's indulgence for just one minute. 24 (Pause in proceedings.) 25 MR. KURLAND: No questions, Your Honor.

## DIRECT EXAMINATION OF SPENCE

1	THE COURT: Thank you, Mr. Wesley. You are excused.			
2	MR. HANLON: Your Honor, the government's next witness			
3	will be Darius Spence.			
4	THE COURT: All right.			
5	MR. HANLON: Your Honor, for the Court's information,			
6	this witness is in custody. Agents will be bringing him up.			
7	THE COURT: Perhaps you should move the easel.			
8	MR. HANLON: Absolutely, Your Honor.			
9	THE COURT: Turn and face the clerk, sir. Raise your			
10	right hand. Your right hand.			
11	DARIUS SPENCE, GOVERNMENT'S WITNESS, SWORN			
12	THE WITNESS: Yes.			
13	THE CLERK: Be seated. Speak directly toward the mike			
14	and state your name and spell it for the record, please.			
15	THE WITNESS: Darius Spence.			
16	THE COURT: Mr. Spence, can you get closer to the			
17	microphone, please? You can pull it down.			
18	THE WITNESS: Darius Spence.			
19	THE COURT: Spell that for the record, please.			
20	THE WITNESS: D-A-R-I-U-S. Spence, S-P-E-N-C-E.			
21	DIRECT EXAMINATION			
22	BY MR. HANLON:			
23	Q Mr. Spence, good morning to you, sir.			
24	A Um-hum.			
25	Q How old are you?			

- 1 A 37.
- 2 Q And where did you grow up, Mr. Spence?
- 3 A West Baltimore.
- 4 Q Any particular neighborhoods in West Baltimore?
- 5 A Lanvale, Lanvale Street.
- 6 Q How far did you go in school, sir?
- 7 A To the eleventh grade.
- 8 Q And what caused you to leave school?
- 9 A Got caught up in the street life.
- 10 Q Let me ask you about that. In terms of getting caught up in
- 11 the street life, can you tell us what you mean by that?
- 12 A I was selling drugs, getting locked up.
- 13 Q About how old were your -- actually, scratch that. About
- 14 how long ago did you first start selling drugs, Mr. Spence? Just
- 15 approximately.
- 16 A Like 20 years ago.
- 17 Q So quite a long time, big part of your life?
- 18 A Yeah, yeah.
- 19 Q Ultimately, that life has sort of led you to have a criminal
- 20 record, is that correct?
- 21 A Yeah.
- 22 Q Let me show you what's been marked as Government Exhibit
- P-15. Do you recognize this piece of paper, Mr. Spence?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q And if it's all right, Your Honor, may I approach the

- 1 witness and use the microphone?
- THE COURT: I think he can see it.
- 3 Q Do you recognize this as your plea agreement, Mr. Spence?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q This is a plea that you entered into with my office, the US
- 6 Attorney's Office. The prosecutor on your case was Mr. George
- 7 Russell, is that right?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q And in this plea you agreed to plead guilty to conspiracy to
- 10 possess with the intent to distribute heroin in Federal Court, is
- 11 that right?
- 12 A Yes.
- Q And you admitted as part of your plea in this case that you
- were guilty of distributing heroin, that you'd been a drug
- dealer; is that fair to say?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q As part of your plea in this case, you agreed to cooperate
- with the government, that is to testify if called upon to, to
- 19 provide information about other criminal activity you had
- 20 knowledge of, including your own, is that correct?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q And you also agreed that if you needed to, you would testify
- 23 in the grand jury or in trials like this one if called upon by
- 24 the government, is that correct?
- 25 A Yes.

- 1 And you've met with, have you met with prosecutors like me 2 and law enforcement agents on some prior occasions and talked to 3 them about various things pursuant to this agreement, Mr. Spence? Α Yes. 5 And is it fair to say, Mr. Spence, that you had hope and 6 continue to have a hope that if you cooperate, that maybe you'll 7 get a lower sentence when you ultimately -- or scratch that. You'll ultimately get a sentencing reduction in your own case, is 8 that correct? 9 10 Α Yes. 11 You've actually already been sentenced on this particular 12 case that arose from this plea agreement, is that correct, sir? 13 Α Yes. 14 Let me ask you or show you Paragraph 12 of your plea 15 agreement. In this plea, the government, my office, agreed that 16 if you provided substantial assistance in the investigation or 17 prosecution of other people that they would, the office would, in 18 its discretion, make a request to basically reduce your sentence 19 under something called Section 5K1.1, is that right? 2.0 Α Yes, sir. And although you've already been sentenced on this case, Mr. 21 22 Spence, you're aware, and in fact I've told you that your
  - Spence, you're aware, and in fact I've told you that your sentence could still be reduced under what is called a Rule 35, is that right?
- 25 A Yes.

- 1 Q Could you tell us what your sentence is right now?
- 2 A 11 years and 10 months.
- 3 Q Be fair to say, Mr. Spence, that you wouldn't mind getting a
- 4 reduction in your sentence, is that right?
- 5 A Yeah.
- 6 Q Have any promises been made to you? Have I told you
- 7 definitely whether you're getting a reduction or how much or
- 8 anything like that?
- 9 A No.
- 10 Q What's your understanding of what you would have to do if
- 11 you wanted to get a sentencing reduction?
- 12 A Tell the truth.
- Q Do you have an understanding, Mr. Spence, of what could
- happen to you in your case if you were to not tell the truth?
- 15 A Yeah.
- 16 Q And what is that? What would happen?
- 17 A Nothing.
- 18 Q In fact, could you be prosecuted for additional crimes?
- 19 A Yeah. For perjury.
- 20 Q And you and I talked about that?
- 21 A Yeah.
- 22 Q Now, Mr. Spence, understanding the plea agreement here --
- actually getting ahead of myself. At the very end of the plea,
- Mr. Russell, the prosecutor in your case, signed the plea, is
- 25 that right?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q And you also signed the plea and agreed to its terms, is
- 3 that correct?
- 4 A Yes.
- 5 Q And then you had assistance of an attorney, Mr. Gerald
- Ruter, who provided you advice and was with you when you pled
- 7 guilty, is that right?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q Let me ask you about the drug dealing that you've talked
- about already that sort of ultimately brought you to court today.
- During the 20 years or so that you worked as a drug dealer, were
- 12 there other times, sir, that you got arrested and charged with
- 13 drug-related conduct?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q Do you have any other conviction for drug-related conduct,
- other than the federal case we have here?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q What convictions do you have?
- 19 A Possession with the intent to distribute, this, a lot of
- 20 drug convictions.
- 21 Q Various drug-related?
- 22 A Yeah. Various.
- Q Mr. Spence, during that period of time, what kinds of drugs
- 24 did you distribute? What did you deal?
- 25 A Marijuana, heroin, cocaine.

- 1 Q And what part of town did you generally work in?
- 2 A West Baltimore.
- 3 Q Any particular streets or intersections?
- 4 A Lanvale and Payson, Edmondson Avenue, Monroe and Mosher.
- 5 Q Let me sort of bring you up to 2002. 2002 was the year that
- 6 you got arrested and charged in your case, is that right?
- 7 A No.
- 8 Q Was it later than that? I apologize.
- 9 A Yeah. It was in '05.
- 10 Q So it was a few years later. Apologize. In 2002, you were
- dealing drugs at that time, is that right?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q Did you do anything else to make money during that time
- 14 frame?
- 15 A Well, I have, I had a few jobs that I had worked. But for
- 16 the most part, I was selling drugs.
- 17 Q In 2002, were you married?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q And what was the name of your wife?
- 20 A Tonya Jones Spence.
- 21 Q When did you and Tonya Jones Spence get married?
- 22 A September the 7th of 2000.
- 23 Q And in 2002, you were still married?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q Were you living with your wife?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q What part of town, what area were you living in?
- 3 A In Baltimore County.
- 4 Q Your address at that time, was it 8618 Bramble Lane?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q And how long had you lived in Bramble Lane as of June of
- 7 1'02? About how long did you live there with your wife?
- 8 A Since March of '02.
- 9 Q And in June of, on June 7th of 2002, something happened to
- 10 your wife, is that right?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q What happened to her?
- 13 A She was murdered.
- 14 Q We're going to talk for a few minutes about sort of the
- events leading up to that. And I'll start by asking you some
- questions about specifically what you were up to in 2002.
- 17 At that time, what part of town, Baltimore, Baltimore
- County, what neighborhoods were you really dealing in the most?
- 19 A In Baltimore County?
- 20 Q Anywhere.
- 21 A As far as my drug activity?
- 22 Q Yes, sir.
- 23 A West Baltimore, Edmondson Avenue, Lanvale Street, Payson
- 24 Street.
- 25 Q Did it vary a little bit?

- 1 A Huh?
- 2 Q Did it vary a little bit? You sometimes worked in different
- 3 areas?
- 4 A Yeah, sometimes.
- 5 Q Did you, tell me about some of the people you were working
- 6 with at that time. Did you have a regular person that you bought
- 7 from or had a regular relationship with?
- 8 A I was dealing with some people from California.
- 9 Q So there was some people in California?
- 10 A Yeah.
- 11 Q Let me ask you about a name. Do you know a name Jamane
- 12 Johnson?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 O Who is Jamane Johnson?
- 15 A He's from the neighborhood. He was the one having an affair
- 16 with my wife.
- 17 Q Let me ask you about Mr. Johnson. Did he go by any
- 18 nicknames?
- 19 A Mama.
- 20 Q And what kind of relationship did you have with Mama, Jamane
- Johnson. You mentioned the fact that there was something going
- on with your wife. But aside from that, before learning of that,
- 23 what was your relationship with him?
- 24 A We was, we was friends, we was cool. And then when I found
- 25 that out, you know, it went to another level.

- 1 Q How did you find out that there was something going on
- 2 between Jamane Johnson and your wife, Tonya?
- 3 A A friend of mine told me.
- 4 Q You came to have a suspicion and a belief that there was
- 5 | something going on?
- 6 A Yeah.
- 7 Q Was there any tension, did anything ever happen between you
- 8 and Jamane Johnson over your belief that he was having an affair
- 9 with your wife?
- 10 A Yeah. We got into an altercation and I stabbed him. And,
- 11 you know, one thing led to another.
- 12 Q Did you ever have any verbal altercations?
- 13 A Yeah.
- 14 O With Jamane Johnson?
- 15 A Yeah.
- 16 Q So there was some bad blood there?
- 17 A Yeah.
- 18 Q Do you know an individual, Mr. Spence, named will, William
- Montgomery or Will Montgomery?
- 20 A Yes.
- Q Who is Will Montgomery?
- 22 A He was from the neighborhood.
- 23 Q And how did you know him?
- 24 A I knew him since, since he was a kid.
- 25 Q And in 2002, in the months leading up to June of '02, what

- 1 kind of relationship did you have with Will Montgomery?
- 2 A We was, we was cool. And he had came to me. He found out
- 3 about the situation with me and Jamane Johnson. And he asked me
- 4 did I, did he, you know, could he take care of that for me. And
- 5 I was like, I was like, yeah. And then I changed my mind. I
- 6 told him I'll handle it myself.
- 7 Q Now, when you told -- let me ask you about a couple of those
- 8 things. Mr. Montgomery asks you if you're interested in having
- 9 him take care of Jamane Johnson. And you told him you would
- 10 handle it yourself. What did you understand Mr. Montgomery to
- 11 mean about taking care of Jamane Johnson?
- 12 A Taking care of him mean kill him.
- Q Did you have knowledge at that time of how Will Montgomery
- made a living?
- 15 A Yeah.
- 16 Q What did he do?
- 17 A Hit man.
- 18 Q I'm sorry, sir. What was that?
- 19 A He was a hit man. And he was out there robbing and, you
- 20 know, doing whatever.
- 21 Q Now, you were initially interested in this, is that fair to
- 22 say?
- 23 A Yes.
- Q And you told that to Mr. Montgomery?
- 25 A Yeah.

- 1 Q At some point did you have sort of a follow-up discussion
- with Mr. Montgomery?
- 3 A Yeah.
- 4 Q And what was that?
- 5 A I told him, don't worry about it, I'll deal with it on my
- 6 own, I'll handle it on my own.
- 7 Q And what did you mean by handling it on your own?
- 8 A I would just, you know, deal with the situation like, you
- 9 know, I didn't, I didn't want it to go that far so I just changed
- my mind. I just, it's like I just handle it another way. And,
- 11 you know, that.
- 12 Q Did you -- I'm sorry, sir.
- 13 A Because it wasn't worth it, you know, me getting something
- done to him.
- 15 Q Did you have any ideas, Mr. Spence, about what you might
- specifically do to handle things on your end?
- 17 A I mean, I was just going to, I was just going to really,
- 18 just leave it alone, you know. I was just going to leave it
- 19 alone.
- Q Why would you want to leave something like this alone, Mr.
- 21 Spence? Didn't it bother you that this was going on?
- 22 A I mean, it did, but I knew if I did something to him, by him
- being in tight with her family, that it was going to get back to
- me, anyway. So it wasn't even worth the effort. So I was, I
- was, you know, I was just leaving it alone.

- 1 Q You mentioned he was tight with her family?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q Jamane Johnson had a good relationship?
- 4 A Yeah. With her family, a good relationship.
- 5 Q Let me show you a few photographs, Mr. Spence, if I could.
- 6 This is Government's Exhibit S-56. Do you recognize this front
- 7 entrance to this building?
- 8 A Yeah. That's my apartment building.
- 9 Q And was this your apartment up here?
- 10 A Yeah. Upper balcony.
- 11 Q You and your, and your wife lived in that apartment at the
- 12 time, is that right?
- 13 A Yeah.
- 14 Q And by the time, I'm talking about June 7th of 2002?
- 15 A Yeah.
- 16 Q Did you have any children?
- 17 A No. She had two, she had two kids, though.
- 18 Q And what were their ages at that time?
- 19 A Ten and twelve.
- 20 Q Did your wife's children also live in the apartment with
- 21 you?
- 22 A Yes. Yes.
- 23 Q You were making your living as a drug dealer at that time,
- Mr. Spence. Did you ever keep any items in your house,
- 25 drug-related items, anything like that?

- A A little marijuana here and there. And I kept, I kept a weapon in there. And money from time to time.
- 3 Q Sometimes there would be some money in the house?
- 4 A Yeah.
- 5 Q Why would you keep a weapon in the house that you shared
- 6 with your wife?
- 7 A Because the life I was leading, living.
- 8 Q Just to protect yourself, protect your money, things like
- 9 that?
- 10 A Yeah.
- 11 Q As a person --
- 12 A Her, too.
- 13 Q Her, too?
- 14 A Yeah.
- 15 Q And the children, I guess?
- 16 A Yeah.
- 17 Q As a person who was living the life you mentioned, was it
- common for you to keep a gun and have access to one?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q Showing you a photograph, Mr. Spence, that's been marked as
- 21 Government's Exhibit S-113. Is that the weapon that you
- 22 mentioned?
- 23 A Yes.
- Q Another view of it is Government's Exhibit S-121. Is that
- another photograph of the gun?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q Mr. Spence, the specifics on the gun. Am I correct, was it
- 3 a .40 caliber Taurus semiautomatic?
- 4 MR. COBURN: Objection, leading.
- 5 THE COURT: Overruled, you may answer.
- 6 THE WITNESS: It was a .40 caliber Millenium. I don't
- 7 | really know the make, the name of it. Said Millenium on it.
- 8 BY MR. HANLON:
- 9 Q Understood. Let me ask you about June the 7th of 2002.
- That's obviously a date that you do remember, sir, is that right?
- 11 A Yeah.
- 12 Q Do you recollect having any conversation with your wife that
- 13 afternoon?
- 14 A Yeah. We was, we was supposed to go to the movies after she
- 15 got off of work.
- Q What time would your wife, Tonya, normally get off of work?
- 17 A At 4:30.
- 18 Q And what did she do for a living at that time?
- 19 A She worked for ROHOS (phonetic). I think it's a part of
- 20 Social Security on Dogwood and Rolling Road.
- 21 Q Now, you had some conversation with your wife. Was it by
- 22 | phone or in person?
- 23 A By phone.
- 24 Q And where were you that day?
- 25 A I was, I was down on Lanvale Street.

- 1 Q Doing what?
- 2 A Just waiting for her to get off.
- 3 Q And if you remember, approximately, when was the last time
- 4 that you talked to your wife by phone?
- 5 A Like, like, I guess like 10, 10 or 15 minutes before she got
- 6 killed. She was on her way home when I called her. She said
- 7 she, I was trying to get her to come down where I was at. She
- 8 was, like, I'm only five minutes away from the house. So she was
- 9 like, she going to go to the house. So when she got to the
- 10 house, I waited and I called the phone back. I didn't get no
- answer. So I call the house phone and didn't get no answer. So
- 12 I started getting worried. So I went to drive out there. When I
- 13 got out there, the police was out there.
- 14 Q That conversation by phone was, before all that happened,
- was the last you ever talked to your wife?
- 16 A Yeah.
- 17 Q Where were the children that day?
- 18 A They was with their grandfather.
- 19 Q To your knowledge, Mr. Spence, did you ever keep latex
- 20 gloves or duct tape in your apartment?
- 21 A No. Not that I remember, no.
- 22 Q The day or so after Tonya's death, do you remember there was
- 23 a police investigation, is that right?
- 24 A Say that again?
- 25 Q Do you remember there was a police investigation for a while

- 1 after Tonya's death?
- 2 A Yeah.
- 3 Q And for certainly the first day, there were detectives in
- 4 your house and sort of all over the place?
- 5 A Yeah.
- 6 Q You gave a statement to the police very shortly after
- 7 Tonya's death, is that correct?
- 8 A Yeah.
- 9 Q Is it fair to say, Mr. Spence, that you were not honest with
- 10 the police in terms of answering their questions?
- 11 A Yeah, you could say that.
- 12 Q You didn't mention to them that you were a drug dealer or
- 13 anything like that?
- 14 A No. No.
- Q And you didn't mention to them anything about your lifestyle
- that may have had something to do with your wife's murder, is
- 17 that correct?
- 18 A That's correct.
- 19 Q Why were you not honest with the police that day, Mr.
- 20 Spence?
- 21 A Because I felt, I felt that at the time that it didn't, you
- 22 know, matter what, what I was doing. I wasn't thinking, you
- know. I just, I just felt like, you know, what I was out there
- doing, you know, didn't matter, why she got killed, you know.
- 25 Q Ultimately, you did make the decision to talk to law

- 1 | enforcement about all of this, is that correct?
- 2 A Yeah.
- 3 Q Was that in the context of your own criminal case a couple
- 4 years later?
- 5 A Yeah.
- 6 Q Be fair to say, also, that one of the agreements, one of the
- benefits you get under your plea agreement, Mr. Spence, that you
- 8 enjoy use immunity, meaning your testimony today will not be used
- 9 against you in building any criminal case against you as, for
- drug trafficking or anything else, provided you're truthful, is
- 11 that correct?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q Now, during that initial sort of police work, while they
- were searching for evidence and things like that, do you
- 15 recollect getting a call from one of the police detectives who
- asked you to make a phone call for him?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q What did the police detective -- do you remember his name,
- 19 by any chance?
- 20 A I think his name was Marll, Phil Marll or something like
- 21 that.
- 22 Q This detective calls you and asks you to do something. What
- 23 did he ask you to do?
- 24 A To call, call her phone, call my wife phone.
- 25 Q Now, your wife had her own cell phone at that time, is that

- 1 right?
- 2 A Yeah.
- 3 Q And if you remember, was this a cell phone that was in your
- 4 name?
- 5 A Yeah. It was in my name.
- 6 Q Do you remember offhand the telephone number for that cell
- 7 phone?
- 8 A No, I can't remember that.
- 9 Q After receiving this call from Detective Marll, what did you
- 10 do?
- 11 A I called, I dialed the number back and he was like okay
- 12 after that. I guess he had the phone, whatever, he had found the
- phone or something. Got me to call the number.
- 14 Q And you called for him. Did the call connect?
- 15 A Yeah.
- 16 Q Did you get a voice mail? Did you recognize it as your
- 17 wife's?
- 18 A Yeah.
- 19 Q Mr. Spence, did you ever give any thought, and going back to
- 20 the discussions you had with Will Montgomery, about doing
- 21 something with Jamane, with Mama, was there ever any discussion
- or did you ever have a thought about maybe having Will Montgomery
- beat him up, do something short of killing him?
- 24 A Yeah, I did. I did that, too. But I was just, I had, I had
- 25 to sit back and rethink, rethink the whole situation. It just

- wasn't, it just wasn't worth it, you know. It just wasn't worth it. I knew if something would happen to him, I was the one end
- 3 up taking the fall for it, anyway. And, you know, you can't stop
- 4 somebody. If they want to do what they want to do, you can't,
- 5 you can't stop them, you know, as far as in a relationship. You
- know, she choose to deal with him, then, you know, that's what it
- 7 was.
- 8 Q Thank you, Mr. Spence. Nothing further, Your Honor.
- 9 CROSS EXAMINATION
- 10 BY MR. COBURN:
- 11 Q Mr. Spence, good morning, sir. If I understood you
- 12 correctly, Mr. Spence, you indicated that you and Mama -- and his
- real name is Jamane Johnson, right?
- 14 A Yeah.
- 15 Q You and he, initially you and he were cool, right?
- 16 A Yeah.
- 17 Q And then you learned of the fact that he was having an
- 18 affair with your wife, right?
- 19 A Yeah.
- Q And then did you tell the jury, in response to one of Mr.
- 21 Hanlon's questions, that things, after you found out, things went
- 22 to another level? Was that the words you used, went to another
- level between you and Jamane Johnson?
- 24 A Yeah. Yeah.
- 25 Q Okay. And after you found out that he and your wife were

- 1 having an affair, you and he had, did you say that you had an
- 2 altercation?
- 3 A Yeah, had an altercation with him.
- 4 Q And during the altercation, you stabbed him?
- 5 A Yeah. He got stabbed, yeah.
- 6 Q By you?
- 7 A Yeah.
- 8 Q And when was that?
- 9 A That was, it was about six months before my wife got killed.
- 10 Q Where was it?
- 11 A Down on Lanvale Street.
- 12 Q Do you know where on Lanvale Street?
- 13 A Lanvale and Hamilton.
- Q Was anyone else around or was it just you and him?
- 15 A Just me and him. My wife's sister was around.
- 16 Q What's her name?
- 17 A Katrina Jones.
- 18 Q Where on Jamane Johnson's body did you stab him?
- 19 A In his shoulder.
- 20 Q How many times did you stab him?
- 21 A One time.
- Q Were the police called, do you know?
- 23 A No.
- Q Do you know whether he went to the hospital or whether an
- 25 | ambulance took him anywhere?

- 1 A I think he drove his self to the hospital.
- 2 Q Do you know what hospital he went to?
- 3 A No, I don't.
- 4 Q As far as you know, the police were never involved, is that
- 5 your testimony, sir?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q Now, was it sometime after that incident, sometime after you
- 8 stabbed Mama, that you talked to Mr. Montgomery, had the
- 9 conversations that you were just talking about with Mr. Hanlon?
- 10 A Repeat it again.
- 11 Q Was it before you stabbed Mama or after you stabbed Mama
- 12 that you talked to Mr. Montgomery?
- 13 A It was after.
- 14 O After?
- 15 A Yeah.
- Q Okay. And was it your testimony that Mr. Montgomery came to
- 17 you, as opposed to your going to him?
- 18 A He came to me.
- 19 Q You didn't go to him?
- 20 A No. I didn't go to him.
- 21 Q You're sure about that?
- 22 A Yeah.
- 23 Q It was your testimony that he came to you and offered to
- take care of Mama, is that right?
- 25 A Yes.

- 1 Q And you understood, you understood those words "take care of
- 2 | him" to mean that he was offering to kill him?
- 3 A Yeah.
- 4 Q And that wasn't a surprise to you because, as you've already
- 5 | told the jury, Mr. Montgomery was a hit man, right?
- 6 A Yeah.
- 7 Q And that's what he did for a living?
- 8 A Yeah.
- 9 Q Okay. So did you and he have a discussion about price,
- about how much it might cost for Mr. Montgomery to kill Mama?
- 11 A No.
- 12 Q Never talked about money at all?
- A No, because I told him, I told him hold up. And then I just
- 14 changed my mind.
- 15 Q You talked to him, you've told the jury that you talked to
- 16 him on two occasions, right?
- 17 A Yeah.
- 18 Q And the second time you told him hold up, right?
- 19 A Yeah.
- 20 Q And there was never any discussion about any particular
- 21 amount of money, right?
- 22 A No.
- 23 Q And you never told him that Mama owed you money, right?
- 24 A No.
- 25 Q You didn't tell him that that was why you all were having

- 1 this conversation, because Mama owed you money, right?
- 2 A No.
- 3 Q Now, you've already indicated, in response to Mr. Hanlon's
- 4 questions, that you had been a drug dealer for about 20 years, is
- 5 that right?
- 6 A Yeah.
- 7 Q Is that 20 years from now, 20 years ago until now?
- 8 A Yeah.
- 9 Q So you're dealing drugs pretty much continuously over the
- 10 last 20 years?
- 11 A Yeah.
- 12 Q And is that mostly how you were making your living?
- 13 A Yes.
- Q Okay. Now, Mr. Hanlon was asking you about a statement that
- 15 you had given to the police. And I think he said it was shortly
- after your wife was murdered, right, sir?
- 17 A Yeah.
- 18 Q Was it the very next day?
- 19 A Repeat it again.
- 20 Q When you talked to the police about whether or not you were
- 21 a drug dealer, was that the next day, the day after she was
- 22 killed?
- 23 A Well, they, they, you know, I didn't, I didn't tell them
- 24 until later like, you know, what I was doing, you know. They
- asked me, you know, but I didn't never admit that I was, you

- 1 know, a drug dealer at that time.
- 2 Q I mean, it wasn't just that you didn't offer it. They
- 3 specifically asked you, right?
- 4 A Not necessarily. They didn't specifically ask me.
- Okay. Well, let me ask you this. Is it correct that when
- 6 you were asked -- and this would have been in an interview with
- 7 Detectives Tincher and Phillip Marll. Do you remember them?
- 8 A Yeah.
- 9 Q Do you remember Detective Marll?
- 10 A Um-hum.
- 11 Q Okay. And is it correct that on June 8th, 2002, the day
- 12 after the murder, when you were asked about a possible drug
- connection, you stated that you were no longer involved in
- dealing drugs and that you did not feel that the murder of your
- wife had anything whatsoever to do with drugs?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q Is that what you said?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 O And that was false?
- 20 A That's what I told them, yeah.
- 21 Q And it was false?
- 22 A Yeah.
- Q Okay. Is it correct that you were sometimes counting money
- in the apartment?
- 25 A Yes.

- 1 Q Showing you what you referred to during your testimony on
- direct examination with Mr. Hanlon. This is Government's Exhibit
- 3 S-113. Do you remember when Mr. Hanlon was asking you about
- 4 that?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q That's the gun that was in your apartment, right?
- 7 A Yes.
- 8 Q And what kind of gun was it?
- 9 A It was a .40 caliber Millenium. I don't know the make or
- 10 nothing like that.
- 11 Q So when Mr. Hanlon asked you about whether it was a Glock
- and you said yes, you don't actually know that it was a Glock,
- right? I may have the make wrong. You don't know the make?
- 14 A I know it's a .40 caliber.
- 15 Q Okay. Where did you get it?
- 16 A I bought it off the street.
- 17 Q That's a fairly common occurrence, right, for people to,
- particularly people involved in the drug trade, to just buy
- 19 drugs, buy guns off the street?
- 20 A Yeah.
- 21 Q And guns change hands frequently, right?
- 22 A Yeah.
- 23 Q That's because guns, as you've indicated, are kind of a
- fairly common feature of the drug trade, right?
- 25 A Yes.

- 1 Q I mean, the gun's not registered. You didn't buy it --
- 2 A No.
- 3 Q -- from a dealer or something like that?
- 4 A No. Bought it off the street.
- 5 Q Let me show you now a copy of another document that you
- 6 referred to during your direct examination with Mr. Hanlon. This
- 7 is your plea agreement. Okay? And Mr. Hanlon asked you about
- 8 this, too, right?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q This is a letter dated July 7th, 2005, correct?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q It's correct, is it not, that with respect to the falsehood
- that you told the police about, whether you were still involved
- in dealing drugs, you didn't correct that until after you got
- arrested on this case, in 2005, right? I can put the question
- 16 another way. I mean, you corrected it as part of your
- 17 cooperation after you signed the plea agreement in this case,
- 18 right?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q In your pending case. Actually, it's not pending any more
- because you indicated you'd already been sentenced. But you're
- 22 hoping for a further reduction in your sentence?
- 23 A Yeah.
- Q Okay. Now, in this case, Mr. Spence, you pleaded guilty to
- 25 a drug conspiracy, right?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q Just directing your attention to page, looks like the pages
- 3 are not actually numbered on this thing. One, two, three, fourth
- 4 page in, at the bottom. This agreement has a little description
- of the conspiracy that you were part of, right?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q At the bottom, under Factual Stipulation it says, between
- January, 2004 and December, 2004, you agreed when you signed this
- 9 document that you were conspiring with Tahlil Yasin, Carl Locke,
- Bolondolay Banks and others to possess with intent to distribute
- 11 at least a hundred grams of heroin, right?
- 12 A Yes.
- 13 Q It talks about travel to New York, is that right?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q None of these people are here in the courtroom today, right,
- 16 sir?
- 17 A No.
- 18 Q You made a statement during your direct examination, when
- Mr. Hanlon was asking you questions about, you decided to just
- 20 let it go, let the affair go because, if I heard you right,
- Jamane had a good relationship with her family and it was going
- 22 to come back to me, anyway, is that right?
- 23 A Yeah. I mean, I, I, I was, when I, when I first
- discussed the matter with, with Will Montgomery, I was, I was
- angry, you know. That's what anybody, their wife is cheating on

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       them or, you know, you're not going to be thinking clearly.
       had to take some time back and rethink the whole thing. You
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       know, is it worth it?
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       statement you made before, when Mr. Hanlon was asking you
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       questions on direct examination, when you said that, and am I
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       saying this right, you said that Jamane had a good relationship
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       with her family and it was going to come back to me, anyway?
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            So what that meant was that if you did something to Jamane,
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       that something might then happen to you?
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            Okay. Court's indulgence, Your Honor?
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                 THE COURT: Yes.
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                 MR. COBURN: Thank you.
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                 MR. COBURN:
                             Thank you very much, Your Honor.
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       further questions.
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                 MR. HANLON: No redirect, Your Honor.
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                 THE COURT:
                             Thank you, Mr. Spence. You're excused.
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Next witness.

1 MR. HANLON: Your Honor, the United States will call 2 Ms. Maureen Bottrell. I'll get her. MAUREEN BOTTRELL, GOVERNMENT'S WITNESS, SWORN 3 THE WITNESS: I do. 4 5 THE CLERK: Be seated. Speak directly toward the mike. 6 State your name and spell it for the record. 7 THE WITNESS: I'm Maureen Bottrell. Last name is B as 8 in boy, O-T-T-R-E-L-L. 9 DIRECT EXAMINATION 10 BY MR. HANLON: 11 Sorry about that, Your Honor. Has the witness been sworn, 12 Your Honor? 13 THE COURT: She has. 14 MR. HANLON: I apologize. 15 THE COURT: That's quite all right, Mr. Hanlon. 16 BY MR. HANLON: 17 Ms. Bottrell, good morning. How are you employed? 18 I'm a geologist forensic examiner with the Federal Bureau of Investigation laboratory in Quantico, Virginia. 19 2.0 A geologist forensic examiner? Q 2.1 Yes, sir. Α 22 Can you tell us what that means? 23 As a geologist forensic examiner, I examine things like Α 24 soils, glass, building materials, gem stones, any sort of 25 geologic material or materials which are derived from those which

- 1 | are like artificial rocks, things like concrete and glass.
- 2 Q And let me ask you a little bit about the purpose of that
- 3 kind of examination. And I'm going to ask you about your
- 4 | background. What is it you're trying to figure out when you look
- 5 at these various geological sources and samples?
- 6 A Well, typically there are two types of questions that we are
- 7 called upon to answer. One is identification of a particular
- 8 material. Somebody finds something, they're not sure what it is
- 9 or how it might relate to their investigation, and we're asked to
- do that, an identification.
- The other type of examination, which is what we do more
- frequently, is a comparison of a material that is recovered from
- some location, compared to a known source.
- 14 Q Now, tell us a little bit about your educational background.
- 15 A I have a Bachelor of Science in geology and a Master of
- Science in geochemistry, both from the University of Georgia.
- 17 I've also taken numerous training classes in various types of
- analysis and in the analysis of particular types of materials, as
- 19 | well as in instrumentation.
- 20 Q You're working for the FBI Quantico lab now, is that right?
- 21 A Yes, sir.
- 22 Q Tell us, before coming to the FBI, what was your work
- 23 experience?
- 24 A Prior to coming to the FBI, I worked in private industry for
- approximately eight years. I worked as a laboratory examiner

- for, for, mostly for litigation support in law suits. So I was
  looking at things like building materials, to attempt to discover
  whether or not they had asbestos in them and who was the
  - I also worked in a number of environmental laboratories, looking at things like lead in paint or various other airborne contaminants. And my last position, prior to coming to the FBI laboratory, was the manager of a small laboratory.
    - Q Now, since working at the FBI, have you held the position you hold now the entire time?
- 12 A I have.

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- Q And what is your total, how long have you been at the FBI?

  And I'm sorry if I asked you that already, Ms. Bottrell.
- 15 A I've been with the FBI laboratory for 13 years.
- Q And during that time, about how frequently do you have occasion to compare one soil sample to another?
- 18 A Probably doing soil analysis is about half the work that I
- do. So it's quite a number of soil samples that I've looked at.
- 20 | Q Hundreds? Thousands?
- 21 A Thousands, easily.
- Q Among the samples that you receive, they include items that are picked up by FBI agents in their work, is that correct?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q In addition to that, the FBI lab receives requests to do

- 1 soil analysis from other agencies and from local police
- departments, is that right?
- 3 A Yes, we do.
- 4 Q If you know, what do you do more frequently? An FBI task or
- 5 | soil you receive from other agencies?
- 6 A I actually would look at more soil from local agencies than
- 7 I do with FBI work.
- 8 Q Your Honor, at this time I would tender Ms. Bottrell as an
- 9 expert in the area of forensic geological analysis.
- MR. COBURN: May I voir dire very briefly, Your Honor?
- 11 THE COURT: Certainly. Would you like some water, Ms.
- 12 Bottrell?
- 13 THE WITNESS: No. I'm fine, thank you.
- 14 CROSS EXAMINATION (On Qualifications)
- 15 BY MR. COBURN:
- 16 Q Ms. Bottrell, good morning.
- 17 A Good morning.
- 18 Q It's not Agent, right? You're a civilian?
- 19 A I am a civilian.
- 20 Q All right. You've qualified as an expert before, is that
- 21 right?
- 22 A Yes, I have.
- 23 Q In both federal and local courts, right?
- 24 A That's correct.
- Q Can you tell the ladies and gentlemen of the jury about how

- 1 many times?
- 2 A I'd have, I quit counting quite a while ago, but I'm
- 3 somewhere probably in the forties.
- 4 Q Thank you. Nothing further. Thank you, Your Honor. No
- 5 objection.
- THE COURT: The witness will be accepted as an expert
- 7 as tendered.
- 8 CONTINUED DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 9 BY MR. HANLON:
- 10 Q Your Honor, I should have tendered the witness specifically
- 11 as an expert in the area of soil comparison and forensic
- analysis. I'm assuming the defense has no objection to that?
- MR. COBURN: No objection.
- 14 THE COURT: No objection.
- 15 Q Ms. Bottrell, you and I have talked before, is that correct?
- 16 A Yes, we have.
- 17 Q You received a request back in, well, several years ago from
- 18 the Baltimore County Police Department to do an analysis on a
- 19 number of soil samples that that agency had obtained, is that
- 20 right?
- 21 A That's correct.
- 22 Q Now, you would not have had a role in actually collecting
- 23 these soil samples, is that correct?
- 24 A No, I didn't.
- 25 Q They just get sent to you?

- 1 A That's correct.
- 2 Q How were they sent to you? In what form?
- 3 A These were, we received these the normal course of business,
- 4 through the, I believe this was a Federal Express package. I can
- 5 check my notes to make sure of that if you'd like.
- 6 Q I don't think it's necessary. You recollect it being a
- 7 Federal Express package?
- 8 A The known samples were received in paint canisters. And the
- 9 samples that they had collected from some individuals were
- 10 actually in paper bags sealed with tape.
- 11 Q I'm going to, you had no role in the collection of these
- 12 items. But for the jury's reference, Your Honor, I'm going to
- put a photograph up on the screen, which is already in evidence
- 14 as Government's Exhibit S-160.
- Understanding you weren't the collecting person, Ms.
- Bottrell, based on the information you received from Baltimore
- 17 County, you had some understanding of what these various samples
- 18 were, is that right?
- 19 A That's correct.
- 20 Q You made a reference to known samples and then there were
- some samples collected from people. Are they sometimes referred
- 22 to as questioned samples?
- 23 A That's correct.
- 24 Q In your work, what does it mean, a known sample versus a
- 25 questioned example?

A With a known sample, we're looking at something that we collected from a known source. We know where we got it, where it came from. In the case of soil samples, they were dug up from the ground and we know the location where we dug them up.

For a questioned item, we don't know the source of the, of the ultimate source of that particular item of evidence. So while it might be, it might be something that we've collected off of somebody's clothing, but we don't know for sure where that, where that piece of evidence was transferred from.

- Q In this case, the known soil samples that you received, based on your information, these were soil samples, five of them total, is that right?
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- Q And they were collected from various spots in and around a spot where, according to your information, county officers had recovered a couple of firearms in a wooded area, is that right?
- 17 A That's correct.
  - Q Let me ask you about some of these. You got all of these various samples and you labeled the known soil samples K-1, K-2, K-3, K-4 and K-5, is that right?
- 21 A That's right.
- 22 O What was K-1?
- A K-1 was a soil sample from location where the guns were recovered.
- 25 Q And what was K-2?

- 1 A K-2 was a soil sample that was taken east of, about
- 2 approximately ten feet east of where the gun was recovered.
- 3 O And K-3?
- 4 A K-3 was another soil sample that was taken approximately ten
- 5 feet west of where the gun was recovered.
- 6 Q I think everyone knows where we're going now. How about
- 7 K-4?
- 8 A K-4 was taken approximately ten feet north of where the gun
- 9 was recovered.
- 10 Q And would I be correct that K-5 was taken also ten feet
- 11 away?
- 12 A Yes, it was.
- 13 O In what direction?
- 14 A South.
- 15 Q So you have 5 K samples, 5 K-soil samples. And you also
- received a couple of Q items, questioned items?
- 17 A That's correct.
- 18 Q And what did you label as Q-1 and Q-2?
- 19 A Q-1 and Q-2 were a pair of shoes that were, I was told that
- they were collected from Shawn Gardner.
- 21 Q And these shoes had possible soil samples on them, is that
- 22 right?
- 23 A That's correct.
- 24 Q And how about Q-3 and Q-4?
- 25 A Q-3 and Q-4 were a pair of shoes that were collected from

- 1 Aaron Holly.
- 2 Q And then, finally, there was a Q-3.1, is that right?
- 3 A That's correct.
- 4 O What was that?
- A Packaged in with the pair of shoes from Aaron Holly was a

  small envelope which contained some soil which had been recovered

  by the Baltimore police that was packaged with the shoes that it
- 8 had fallen off of.
- 9 Q So you did an analysis after receiving these items, Ms.
- Bottrell, to see whether or not any of the soil or soil scrapings
- from the boots and from the debris, the Q items, could be matched
- 12 up against the soil samples, the known items from the gun and the
- area surrounding the gun?
- 14 A That's correct.
- Q Tell us about your lab. What kind of safeguards do you have
- in place to make sure that everything is done properly?
- 17 A Well, we have is entire quality assurance system with our
- 18 standard operating procedures, which require a certain, a certain
- 19 type of analysis. So I can't just go in and make it up as I go
- 20 along. I am actually following a set procedure.
- We are also, we also have been collecting samples.
- am collecting them in a room which I have cleaned myself. And we
- 23 have wiped down all of the surfaces and vacuumed them as well to
- make sure that there's no contamination from other potential
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We take a clean sheet of brown paper and put it down on a table. Each item of evidence is placed on a fresh sheet of brown paper. And then we use various tools to collect the evidence off the items.

In this case, since I was processing shoes, I was actually using small tools that look a little like dental picks to pick the soil out from between the treads in the shoes. And in between each of these, in between the pairs of shoes, since they were packaged together, I'm changing the paper, wiping down the table, cleaning all the tools, to make sure that there's no cross contamination.

We have only one item open at a time. That also is to prevent any possible cross-contamination.

Q Once you have your space set up and you have your items, Ms. Bottrell, what procedure do you go through in actually conducting a soil comparisons between the K items and the Q items?

A After I have collected the soil, it's placed in a small plastic box. And we are using that soil material for comparisons. The shoes are repackaged and I'm not going to be look at those any more. I'm going to be looking at the soil that I've recovered.

And the first thing that I will do is take an arm's length look at what I have to see whether or not there are any obvious differences. If they are obviously different at that point, there's no point in continuing the examination because

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If they look the same at this arm's length difference, then we start taking a closer look at the samples themselves.

The next actual test that we do is a color comparison. So I'm comparing the color of the soil that I recovered to a set of known standards of color. And this will allow me to get a numerical value of the color of the soil, plus a standardized name. This is, the standard that we're using is the Munsell soil color charts.

If the, if the soils are the same in color, then, again, it's the same logic. If they are different in color, they wouldn't have come from the same source. If they're the same in color, we go on to our next test, which is an analysis of the texture of the soils.

Are they approximately the same grain sizes? Are the individual grains themselves the same sort of rounding or do they have squared-off edges? Do they have any sort of other, maybe, small crystals included inside of them? All of those sort of things are part of our textural analysis that we're comparing.

Again, if those are the same, then we go on to the next step, which is actually an identification of the components of the soil. So we'll look at all the minerals that are in there.

We'll identify them and give an approximate percentage for each of the samples.

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whether soil from one spot is a match to soil from another is that soil can vary sometimes from place to place, is that right?

A That's right. Soil can, soil can vary quite a bit. The soil in any one location is dependent on a number of factors.

The first one is the type of bedrock material that the soil is derived from or any other material that might have been swept in like, say, during a flooding event. So you're looking at the geologic materials that it's composed of.

We're also looking at any sort of biological material. So is there leaf litter or any other material that might have gotten incorporated into that soil?

The geography of the area is also very important.

You'll get different types of soil developing on different types of terrain. So you'll see something different in a mountainous area than you would in something that's flat lying. But that's also true on a very micro level as well. So I may see a different type of soil in my front yard than I do in my back yard because there's very slight differences in, like, elevation or sloping, things like that.

And all this is happening under the context of time. So the longer this, the longer this soil production goes on, the more it will change. And this will give you soil that's different from place to place and with depth, below the surface.

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different. Or it can be the same over a fairly long area. So for instance, if you have like a beach environment, looks like a nice, white sandy breach for quite a while, that doesn't change a whole lot. But in other areas you may see that the bedrock will suddenly differ from one place to another and you will get completely different soils. That can happen within inches.

Q Ms. Bottrell, what conclusions, what opinions did you arrive at with respect to your comparison of the boots and the known items in this case with the questioned soil samples from the woods? I'm sorry. I got that all wrong.

What conclusions did you draw with respect to the questioned items in this case, which were the boots, with the known samples from the woods? I'm sorry.

- A The soils that I recovered from the boots were different than the soil samples from where the guns were recovered and from those locations nearby. So I can make no association between the soil that was recovered from the boots to those locations.
- Q And Ms. Bottrell, can we conclude from that that there's no way the boots ever went through that area where the guns were recovered?
- A No, we can't, we can't make that conclusion. There's any number of reasons why you would get soil that was different. You can, the first one, of course, is that the soil from, the boots were genuinely not in that location. They may never have been there. That's a possibility.

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Second possibility is that you can walk through an area and not get soil transferred on your shoes. So if the, if the, if it's been dry lately and the soil is not muddy, it might not sick to your shoes. Or if you're walking through leaf litter or grass, there might be no time when you actually contact the soil and get that transferred to your shoes.

Another possibility is that you walked through an area, you get soil transferred on to your shoes. You continue walking some place else and it falls off. And certainly, anybody who has children knows that soil will fall off their shoes.

The other possibility is that you have, you either had soil on your shoes beforehand, go to the location and get more soil on them. Or you had no soil on them, you go to that location, get soil at that place, and then keep walking and get soil from some place else, you know have two or more soils on your shoes. And unless we can separate those apart in the laboratory, which is typically not an easy thing to do, then we can't say for sure which location they came from. They will be mixed. And I wouldn't be able to identify either location.

Q Let me ask you about that last point, Ms. Bottrell, the fact that sometimes soils can be mixed even within a particular sample. Did you note anything along those lines in terms of the items you examined in this case?

A On both the pairs of boots that were submitted with this case, there were at least two types of soil on the bottoms of the

- shoes. There were two distinct colors of soil on the shoes. But

  I cannot separate them from one another.
- Q And in the absence of being able to separate those two types of soil, there would be no way for you to discern whether either of those two mixed types came from one of the known areas you
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- 7 A That's correct.
- Q Let me ask you about the various -- you mentioned there were five known soil samples from the woods, one where the guns were recovered and then points north, east, south and west. Did you note any variances or differences between or among the five known soil samples?
  - A There is some variation among the soil samples that were submitted as the known samples.
    - Q You mentioned a few moments ago that sometimes there can be variance in soil, even over a matter of inches or feet. Is that correct?
- 18 A That's correct.
  - Q So is that something that you noticed in this case or at least something approaching that with respect to the known samples?
  - A Yes. Because I see soil that I can tell apart from these distances, I know that the soil is changing fairly rapidly in this area, at the most over the course of about ten feet.
- Q And again, just to make sure I'm clear on something. Is it

- possible, Ms. Bottrell, for a person to walk through an area and
- 2 not pick up soil that you would be able to match to that area?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q Thank you, ma'am. Nothing further, Your Honor.
- 5 CROSS EXAMINATION
- 6 BY MR. COBURN:
- 7 Q Good morning again, Ms. Bottrell.
- 8 A Good morning.
- 9 Q It sounds, then, from your description of the methodology
- 10 that you and your colleagues use in the FBI lab that you use a
- 11 great deal of care in doing these examinations, right?
- 12 A We certainly take every effort, yes.
- 13 Q You do everything that you know of that's possible to avoid
- 14 contamination or avoid mixing different samples from different
- 15 sources, right?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q Now, in this case, if I understand correctly and, you know,
- there's a certain jargon here which we're sort of used to but
- others might not be, when we're talking about known samples,
- 20 | we're talking about bits of soil that, based on your
- 21 understanding, were taken by police officers from the area right
- around where the guns were found, right?
- 23 A Yes, sir.
- Q And there were five of them, correct?
- 25 A Yes.

- Q And I think you indicated in response to one of Mr. Hanlon's questions that there was some variation between the five samples that were taken?
  - A There is some variation between the samples, yes.
  - Q And you looked carefully at each one of those five, right?
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- Q And then, like on the other side of the coin, there are what are called the guestioned samples, right?
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  - Q And those samples, if I understand correctly, there are two that come off Shawn Gardner's boots, based on your understanding, two that come off Aaron Holly's boots. Then there's a little envelope of a fifth thing which appeared to have come off Aaron Holly's boots before they were all packaged up, is that right?

    A Yes. That's what was reported to me, that it was a package of debris that had come off the boots prior to them sending it in.
    - Q And when you did was, using all this sort of painstaking care that you just described for the jury, you looked at each one of those samples. You looked at the five that you knew were taken from where the guns were seized. You looked at the five that were, two from one pair of boots, two from the other pair of boots, and then the fifth one that seemed to have fallen off Holly's boots. You gave each of these a very careful, individual look, right?

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A Well, with the pairs of boots, the boots were packaged as pairs. So they were in each, each pair was in a single bag.

Because we can't say for sure when they're packaged together which shoe it came from, those two were, the two shoes from a

single pair were actually analyzed collectively.

- So I took the soil off of one pair of shoes and that was placed in one container for analysis. So there actually is just three that we are comparing for the questioned samples.
- Q Okay. And that's standard operating procedure, right?
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- 11 Q You didn't vary anything in this case?
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- 13 Q That's the way it's always done, right?
- 14 A That's correct.
- Q And after, after giving these samples the painstaking
  examination that you just described, you were not able to
  associate the soil that came off the boots with any of the five
  samples that were taken from around where the guns were found,
  right?
  - A That's correct. The soil that I recovered from the boots is different from the soil from the known locations.
  - Q And so based on that, the boots might have been there and they might not have been there, and you don't have an opinion one way or the other, right?
- 25 A That's correct.

- 1 Q Thank you. Nothing further.
- 2 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 3 BY MR. HANLON:
- Q Your Honor, if I may, I neglected to get into an area with the witness on direct. Slightly different test. Certainly, if
- 6 defense is --
- 7 THE COURT: Permission granted, Mr. Hanlon.
- Q Thank you, Your Honor. Ms. Bottrell, one thing I forgot to ask you. You are aware that the lab received a request from

  Baltimore County to inquire as to whether or not latex gloves

  could be compared against one another, is that right?
- 12 A That's correct.
- Q And was the FBI lab able to do such an analysis?
- 14 A No. We do not analyze latex gloves.
- 15 Q Is that because latex gloves are kind of generic and common
- on the market?
- 17 A Latex gloves are very generic. They cannot be easily told 18 from one manufacturer to another.
- 19 Q Thank you, ma'am. Thank you, Your Honor.
- 20 RECROSS EXAMINATION
- 21 BY MR. COBURN:
- 22 Q I just have a quick question, if I may. So when you say
  23 they're generic, latex gloves, that is, I mean, that means that
  24 they're, you mean, they're basically kind of, if they're not all
  25 the same, I mean, they're, they're sort of a stock item, is that

RECROSS EXAMINATION OF BOTTRELL 1 right. They don't differ like one to the other? 2 That's correct. Α Okay. And they're widely available, right? 3 Α Yes. In all kinds of different stores? 5 6 Yes. Α 7 0 Thank you. 8 THE COURT: Thank you very much, Ms. Bottrell. You are 9 excused. 10 Members of the jury, we'll take our morning recess at 11 this time. Please leave your note pads on your chairs. Have no 12 discussion about the case or any of the evidence you've heard so 13 far. Continue to keep an open mind about all issues. 14 You are excused for A 15 minutes recess. We'll stand in recess for 15 minutes. 15 16 (Recess.) 17 (Jury not in THE courtroom. ) 18 MR. HARDING: Your Honor, could I say something briefly 19 about scheduling before the jury comes back? 2.0 THE COURT: Absolutely. 2.1 MR. HARDING: The next witness we have is a fairly 22 brief witness. I don't expect him to be on the stand for more 23 than 15 or 20 minutes. After that, we don't have another witness 24 until after lunch. And we only have two witnesses for after

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                 MR. HARDING: No. He has statements from Mr. --
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THE COURT: Oh, that's right. That's right. We had
the hearing. We had the hearing. Who's on the lam, if you care
to say?
         MR. HARDING: Damita Green, Your Honor.
         THE COURT: Oh, Green. All right.
         MR. HARDING: She's afraid to testify. She's terrified
to testify. So we may well be seeking a warrant from Your Honor
this afternoon.
          THE COURT: Okay. So I guess the question, then,
really becomes who was going to be next?
         MR. HARDING: After lunch, you mean?
         THE COURT: No. I mean who was going to be right now?
         MR. HARDING: Police Officer Timothy Rutherford. He's
available now. We can put him on.
         THE COURT: Well, I'm just wondering if we shouldn't
break for lunch now.
         MR. HARDING: Well, whatever the Court wants to do is
fine.
         THE COURT: What's his area? Rutherford?
         MR. HARDING: He's involved, he was part of the
perimeter team in the Tonya Jones Spence murder.
         THE COURT: And what does he contribute?
         MR. HARDING: He contributes that no one entered or
exited the woods after the defendants went into the woods.
          THE COURT: I see. Okay. So I guess we ought to get
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him on and off so he can get back to work.

MR. HARDING: Okay.

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THE COURT: Then we'll break for lunch. And we'll take, we'll take the normal lunch until two and see what you have.

MR. HARDING: Okay. Thank you very much.

THE COURT: All right. We'll have the jury, please.

MS. RHODES: May I address the Court very briefly, Your Honor? Scheduling matter for tomorrow morning. With the Court's permission, I would like to be on a phone call with my daughter's doctor between about 9:30 and 10 tomorrow. She has an appointment that her father's taking her to, but I want to be able to be by phone, and I think Mr. Lawlor can just sit in for me.

The only witness I have this week, I think, is Damita Green. So if she is here tomorrow morning, if we could just wait maybe until 11 or so to call her, that would be helpful.

THE COURT: Sure. I'm wondering, frankly, under the circumstances whether we are even going to be in session tomorrow. Perhaps Mr. Harding, Mr. Hanlon, you can help me out here. So if we can just run through it pretty quickly. We have Barnes this afternoon for sure.

MR. HANLON: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Sounds like he's at most an hour?

MR. HANLON: That would be my estimate, Your Honor.

1 THE COURT: Direct and cross. And then we've got 2 Rutherford. And we've got one other witness this afternoon, very 3 short? MR. HANLON: Yes, Your Honor. 4 5 THE COURT: Who is that? 6 MR. HANLON: Erin Wisnieski, Your Honor. The resident 7 from the Greens. 8 The knock on the door. THE COURT: 9 MR. HANLON: Right. 10 THE COURT: And that's it for today. 11 MR. HANLON: That's it for today. 12 Then who do we have tomorrow? THE COURT: 13 MR. HANLON: Your Honor, I have Ernest Reynolds lined 14 up for tomorrow. He's an individual, we're going to be stepping 15 out of the Spence murder, going back to some of the drug 16 trafficking, the historical stuff. And he'll testify about that 17 stuff. THE COURT: And this is, this is the conversation while 18 19 he was a cell mate of Mr. Gardner's? 2.0 MR. HANLON: That is correct, Your Honor. THE COURT: And he's the subject of one of the motions. 2.1 22 MR. HANLON: In fact, Your Honor, one of the things Mr. 23 Harding and I are noting is that a number of our next witnesses 24 have briefed motions sort of as a, as a barrier. The firearms 25 examiner witnesses, for example. Some of the people from the Lee

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shooting, the witnesses we would present on that. The Ernest Reynolds and those statements as they relate to some of the defendants. There are sort of some outstanding motions that are going to impact on how those witnesses testify. So that's kind of where we're getting to right now.

THE COURT: So you were going to do ballistics tomorrow?

MR. HANLON: I'm sorry, Your Honor?

THE COURT: You were going to do ballistics tomorrow?

MR. HANLON: Well, it was an area we could get into.

Right now, Your Honor, here are the witness we have today.

Ballistics was an area we were going to do told but we held it

off. Mr. Harding has Roy Jones set up, Ken Welsh, Shamier

Delvison, Shannon Harris, and Arlene Williams.

THE COURT: And who are they?

MR. HANLON: They are -- I should probably let Mr. Harding say.

THE COURT: They are all civilians?

MR. HARDING: Yes. Roy Jones is just a fingerprint guy related to the Wyche brothers murder. Kenny Welsh is the, the lead investigator of the Eric Lee murder, the guy who supervised the collection of the shell casings and the bullets that are at issue in one of these motions.

THE COURT: So he's just foundation for the shell casings and --

1 MR. HARDING: Yes. 2 THE COURT: Okay. 3 MR. HARDING: Shamier Delvison, Shannon Harris, and Arlene Williams were all present at 205 North Amity Street when 4 5 the search was conducted and will testify basically that the 6 stuff found there was not theirs. 7 THE COURT: Okav. 8 MR. HARDING: Do you have any other witnesses for 9 tomorrow? 10 MR. HANLON: Just Mr. Reynolds. He's lined up for 11 tomorrow. 12 THE COURT: Is he in custody? 13 MR. HANLON: No, Your Honor. 14 THE COURT: No? 15 MR. KURLAND: Judge, we have some 403 issues with 16 respect to the Lee and the guns. 17 THE COURT: Okay. Well, it sounds like we're going to 18 have some time this afternoon to deal with some of these legal 19 issues. And so why don't we do this? Why don't we break for 2.0 lunch now? I'll excuse the jury until 1:30. No. No. Let's get 2.1 Rutherford on and off. And then see where we go. Okay? Since 22 he's here. We'll have the jury. 23 In any event, Ms. Rhodes, that won't be a problem at 24 Just a question of whether we even start at 10 or 10:30 or all.

something. But you'll be excused.

- 1 (Jury enters the courtroom.)
- THE COURT: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. Mr.
- 3 Harding, you may call the next witness.
- 4 MR. HARDING: Yes, Your Honor. The United States calls
- 5 Police Officer Timothy Rutherford.
- 6 OFFICER TIMOTHY RUTHERFORD, GOVERNMENT'S WITNESS, SWORN
- 7 THE WITNESS: I do.
- 8 THE CLERK: Be seated. Speak directly toward the mike.
- 9 State your name and spell it for the record, please.
- 10 THE WITNESS: Officer Timothy Rutherford.
- R-U-T-H-E-R-F-O-R-D.
- 12 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 13 BY MR. HARDING:
- Q Good morning, Officer. Can you tell us how you're employed,
- 15 sir?
- 16 A I'm a Baltimore County Police officer.
- 17 Q And how long have you been employed by the Baltimore County
- 18 | Police Department?
- 19 A Approximately eight and a half years.
- 20 Q Where were you assigned back in June of 2002?
- 21 A The Woodlawn precinct.
- 22 Q Let me draw your attention to June 7th of 2002, in the late
- 23 afternoon hours, about 5:00. Were you summoned to participate in
- 24 an investigation around that time?
- 25 A Yes.

- 1 Q Can you tell us where you went and what you did?
- 2 A I responded to the area of a shooting complaint. Then I
- 3 assisted with a perimeter with regards to trying to apprehend
- 4 suspects. And then after the perimeter was shut down, I
- 5 responded back to the scene for scene security.
- 6 Q Okay. Let me call your attention first to the perimeter you
- 7 say you helped to establish. Is that the first thing you did?
- 8 A That was the first coordinated effort, yes, besides
- 9 responding to the area.
- 10 Q When you responded to the area, did you speak to other
- officers or to another officer?
- 12 A There was an officer that gave a broadcast of a possible
- suspect description and area of which they may have fled.
- Q Okay. Let me call your attention to the aerial photograph
- 15 | that's on the easel behind you. Does that look familiar?
- 16 A Yes.
- Q Okay. Let me ask, where it was -- were you told where the
- 18 suspects were last seen?
- 19 A Approximate area, a wooded area off of Carlson Lane.
- 20 Q Okay. Do you see that on the aerial photograph behind you?
- 21 A Yes.
- 22 Q Could you get up out of your seat? And I'll hand you a
- 23 microphone. Could you, using that, point to where you were
- 24 stationed near where the suspects had last been seen running?
- 25 A I was stationed on Carlson Lane between Stevenswood and

- 1 Kenjac, approximately in this area here.
- Q Okay. I'm using this pointer here. Is this where you're
- 3 pointing to?
- 4 A Yes, sir.
- 5 Q Now, were you in uniform that day?
- 6 A Yes, sir.
- 7 Q And were you in a vehicle or on foot?
- 8 A I was in a marked patrol vehicle.
- 9 Q And correct me if I'm wrong. This street right here is
- 10 Carlson Lane, is that correct?
- 11 A That's correct.
- 12 Q And this street is the street you called Stevenswood, is
- 13 that right?
- 14 A That's correct.
- 15 Q And this street down here is Kenjac?
- 16 A Yes, sir.
- 17 Q And you say you were positioned here as part of a perimeter,
- is that correct?
- 19 A Yes, sir.
- Q Okay. Now, you can resume the witness stand. What was the
- 21 point of having a perimeter there?
- 22 A To deter any suspects from, you know, we had a possible area
- 23 that they may have went to, to encircle that area so they did not
- enter or exit that area from another area.
- 25 Q Without you seeing them?

- 1 A Correct.
- 2 Q And did you have other people also involved in this effort?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q Was there anybody near where you were?
- 5 A There was another officer stationed down the street from
- 6 where I was, facing towards my patrol vehicle.
- 7 Q And do you remember the name of that officer?
- 8 A I believe it was Officer Gill.
- 9 Q And where was he stationed?
- 10 A He was stationed below, I believe it was below Kenjac Road,
- 11 towards Kenjac, below me.
- 12 Q Okay. So he would have been --
- 13 A Approximately in that area, yes.
- 14 Q Okay. And you're further up the road in here, is that
- 15 right?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q And you say you could see him from your patrol car?
- 18 A I remember seeing his patrol vehicle, yes.
- 19 Q Was he stationed in his patrol vehicle?
- 20 A Yes.
- 21 Q Was he facing you or --
- 22 A His vehicle was facing towards my vehicle.
- 23 Q So was he on the other side of the road or on the same side
- 24 as you?
- 25 A I believe he was on the opposite side of the road.

- 1 Q Was he doing the same thing you were, perimeter work?
- 2 A I believe so, yes.
- 3 Q Okay. So after you set up this perimeter, did you get word
- 4 that a couple of suspects had been apprehended on the other side
- 5 of the woods?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q Okay. Did you nevertheless maintain your perimeter there
- 8 for a while?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q Can you tell us about how long it was or tell us about what
- 11 time it was that you discontinued your perimeter?
- 12 A I believe it was around 1800 hours, which would be 6:00.
- 13 Q During that time, did anybody, did you see anybody come in
- or out of the woods?
- 15 A No.
- Q Okay. And you say that after you ended your perimeter work,
- 17 you went back to the scene of the shooting, is that correct?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q And what did you do there?
- 20 A I guarded the front door to note who made entry and exit
- 21 from the building and deterred people that weren't allowed to be
- there.
- Q Okay. Thank you. I have no further questions, Your Honor.
- 24 Your.
- 25 CROSS EXAMINATION

- 1 BY MR. KURLAND:
- Q Good afternoon, Officer Rutherford. How are you?
- 3 A Good afternoon, sir.
- 4 Q I just have a couple of questions. Your Honor, may I
- 5 approach the --
- THE COURT: Yes.
- 7 Q I don't have a pointer.
- MR. HARDING: You can use this one, counselor.
- 9 Q If I need it, thank you. All right. Officer, you indicated
- 10 again that your -- actually, maybe I will use the pointer. I
- 11 just have a few questions. You indicated, Officer, that your car
- was about here, a little bit below Stevenswood?
- 13 THE COURT: I think you're blocking the view of a
- 14 couple of jurors, Mr. Kurland.
- 15 Q I just want to get -- your vehicle was about here or was it
- 16 above Stevenswood?
- 17 A No, it was below Stevenswood.
- 18 Q Below Stevenswood. And you indicated that another officer's
- 19 vehicle was down about here?
- 20 A Approximately.
- 21 Q Okay. And you indicated that you left the perimeter around
- 22 6:00?
- 23 A I believe it was around 6:00, yes.
- Q So you were there for a little less than an hour?
- 25 A I don't know a time frame on how long I was there.

- 1 Q All right. It was still light, though?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 Q And do you recall the other officer's vehicle, was that,
- 4 were you able to observe it during the entire time that you were
- 5 stationed?
- 6 A I believe so, yes.
- 7 Q Do you recall, did it leave at approximately the same time
- 8 you did?
- 9 A I do not recall.
- 10 Q Could have left before?
- 11 A Probably would have left the same time I would have, when
- 12 the perimeter was broken. But I can't testify as to when it
- 13 left.
- 14 Q And I don't want you to speculate. So you, it could have
- 15 left before, you just don't know?
- 16 A Yes.
- 17 Q Just one other thing. The woods area that we've had a lot
- of testimony about, actually is a fairly large area. It's
- 19 contiguous. It goes up Carlson on to the parking lot, and all
- 20 the way out to Old Court, correct?
- 21 A Correct.
- 22 Q And then also goes down, I don't know if South Green
- continues all here. But the woods stretches from Old Court down
- 24 to off the photograph here, is that correct?
- 25 A Correct.

- Q You're aware that there's more than one entry way into this wooded area?
- 3 A Correct.
- Q All right. And there are a lot of the areas with respect to entry ways which were outside of your line of vision?
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- Q All right. And whether or not the entire perimeter was covered, you don't know?
  - A No, I do not know.
- 10 Q No further questions. Thank you, Officer.
  - THE COURT: Officer Rutherford, thank you very much.
    You're excused.
- 13 THE WITNESS: Thank you, Your Honor.
  - THE COURT: Members of the jury, we will break now for lunch. There are some issues regarding certain witnesses, timing and so forth. So we may have a slight adjustment in our schedule in the coming days.
  - Let me just take this opportunity to remind you that right now the plan is we will be in session this afternoon and tomorrow. We will not be in session on Thursday or Friday of this week. We will resume on Monday of next week. And we will be in session every day next week, if you recall. That's the first week when we'll have a session each of the five work days.
  - Tuesday being Election Day, I anticipate that we will start later than normal and end earlier than normal. And then

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we'll have a full day, I hope, on Wednesday and Thursday of next week. And then Friday of next week, November 7th, I expect we'll be in session from about 9:30 until about 12:30, 1:00, only a half a day. But we will be in session on Friday of next week.

I'll have more detailed information about our schedule going forward with you in the next day or so.

For now, enjoy your lunch. Please leave your note pads on your chairs. Have no discussion about any of the evidence you've heard or about the case. Continue to keep an open mind about all issues.

The jury is excused until 2 p.m. We'll resume at 2:00.

(Jury exits the courtroom.)

THE COURT: So Mr. Hanlon, Mr. Harding, I think if we can excuse the jury early, I think that's fine. That's a good thing. If you've got somebody who is available this afternoon but who wouldn't be terribly inconvenienced by coming back tomorrow, we can sort of, you know, end load tomorrow if you want and just perhaps do Barnes this afternoon at two, and then break sometime before three. What do you think makes sense?

Or if you got witnesses here that you really want to get on and off this afternoon, we can do that as well.

MR. HARDING: Well, Wisnieski's on her way down here and I do think it would be --

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. HARDING: She's very brief. So I would like to do

1 her as well as Barnes. I tried to get another witness in here 2 already for this afternoon and failed. So I don't think we can 3 get any more witnesses in here. THE COURT: Okay. So we're going to have Barnes and 4 Wisnieski this afternoon. 5 6 MR. HARDING: Yes. 7 THE COURT: Which together sounds like probably an 8 hour. 9 MR. HARDING: An hour to an hour and a quarter, 10 something. 11 THE COURT: To an hour and a quarter. All right. 12 don't think the jury will be annoyed by being excused early. I 13 think they will be annoyed if the case, we've sort of hit a 14 couple of slow patches here. 15 Perhaps you can, again, off the top of your head, Mr. 16 Harding, sketch out for us the next five or six trial days. 17 MR. HARDING: We're going to close next week, Your 18 Honor. We're going to rest the government's case next week. 19 THE COURT: Might that be Monday or you think more like 2.0 Thursday? 2.1 MR. HARDING: No. More like Thursday. But we may well 22 be done before Friday is what I'm saying. The Court was planning 23 on sitting this coming Friday. 24 THE COURT: Right.

MR. HARDING: I think, I think we certainly have enough

to fill up several days of next week, three or four days. But we're close to completing our case.

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THE COURT: All right. Well, certainly I can tell everybody if, if you should, in fact, rest by the end of the day on Thursday, obviously, I will not bring the jury back on Friday. And I suspect they'll be pleased to hear that.

We'll devote Friday morning to argument on Rule 29, and if we have the time talk about jury instructions and any other matters that we need to talk about. But that's good. So we'll have, we'll have the morning available to us to take care of a number of housekeeping/evidentiary/jury charge matters.

Did you decide to do all the medical examiner in one fell swoop, which is fine?

MR. HARDING: Well, I don't believe that the medical examiner is going to take more than a couple of hours, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay.

MR. HARDING: The reason is that --

THE COURT: Well, the reason is is gunshots. So I get it. You don't even need, you don't even need a medical examiner.

MR. HARDING: There's some mild importance to some of the trajectories of some of the bullets because they help establish that the shooter was in the back seat of the car.

THE COURT: Right. I think the photographs pretty much clinch that.

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MR. HARDING: But otherwise, this is not a case where the time of death established by the medical examiner or the toxicologist report or something like that is crucial in the evidence. And so this isn't, I'm not planning to spend an enormous amount of time with the medical examiner.

THE COURT: Okay. All right. We'll, I think, assuming

THE COURT: Okay. All right. We'll, I think, assuming we break early this afternoon, that will give me a full opportunity to look at Mr. Coburn's motion on the ballistics and the government's response which came in. I thank you for that. And it may be that we'll start, say, at 11 tomorrow. If you tell me when we come back after lunch that you only have three hours of witnesses tomorrow, then we probably won't start with the jury until about 11 and just go straight through without a luncheon recess.

MR. HARDING: Okay. We'll have an answer for you this afternoon.

THE COURT: Okay. Very good. All right. We're in recess until 2:00.

(Luncheon recess.)

(Proceedings at 2:10 p.m.)

THE COURT: Anything new on the witness front?

MR. HARDING: Well, we think we've got a couple of witnesses for tomorrow, including one new one, Andre Drake. We think we may have Damita Green for tomorrow, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Okay.

1 MR. HARDING: We're still going to be seeking a warrant 2 for her this afternoon. 3 THE COURT: All right. Okay. We'll have the jury. (Jury enters the courtroom.) 4 5 THE COURT: Good afternoon, ladies and gentlemen. Mr. 6 Harding, you may call the government's next witness. 7 MR. HARDING: Thank you, Your Honor. Your Honor, the 8 United States calls Erin Wisnieski. 9 THE COURT: Would you raise your right hand, please, 10 Ms. Wisnieski? ERIN WISNIESKI, GOVERNMENT'S WITNESS, SWORN 11 12 THE WITNESS: Yes. 13 THE CLERK: Be seated. Speak directly toward the mike. 14 State your name and spell it for the record, please. 15 THE WITNESS: Erin Wisnieski. E-R-I-N. 16 W-I-S-N-I-E-S-K-I. 17 DIRECT EXAMINATION 18 BY MR. HARDING: 19 Good afternoon, Ms. Wisnieski. Ms. Wisnieski, can I ask you, back in 2002, were you living in Randallstown or Woodlawn? 2.0 2.1 Α Yes. 22 Which was it, anyway? Woodlawn or Randallstown? 0 23 Α Windsor Mill. 24 Windsor Mill. Sorry. And specifically, what was your 25 address back then?

- 1 A 3249 Green Knoll Road.
- Q Okay. Ms. Wisnieski, when you were living there on June 7th
- of 2002, in the late afternoon, were you at home alone or did you
- 4 have other family members in the house with you?
- 5 A My infant son was at home with me.
- 6 Q Okay. In the late afternoon, around 5:00, thereabouts, do
- 7 | you recall, was there a knock at your front door?
- 8 A Yes.
- 9 Q And can you tell us what you did after you heard the knock
- 10 at your door?
- 11 A I went to the door. There were two men at my door.
- 12 Q Okay. Can you describe them and what they were doing?
- 13 A Yes. One man was standing facing my door. One man was
- 14 sitting on the step, facing the street.
- 15 Q Okay. Maybe for the benefit of the jurors, do you see that
- aerial photograph right behind you there?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q Do you recognize what it depicts?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q Could I ask you to get up and point to where your house is
- 21 on that map?
- 22 A Okay.
- 23 Q So it's actually obscured by some of the letters in the word
- "Green Knoll", is that right?
- 25 A Yes. Under the N.

- Q Under the N. Is it the second house from the end there or the third house from the end?
- 3 A The third.

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- 4 Q Okay. You can resume the witness stand, Ms. Wisnieski.
- Okay. So there were two men. One was standing and one was sitting. Can you tell us, did you notice anything unusual about them?
  - A Yes. First of all, I thought it was unusual that someone would be sitting on the step facing the street and not facing my door. Also, they were both breathing hard.
- Q Okay. Anything else? Nothing else? Okay. Did you notice anything else outside your house?
- 13 A Yes. There was a police jeep parked on the corner a couple houses up.
  - Q Up the street? Okay. So I'm going to use this pointer thing. If your house is there right below the pen, his car would have been up the street in this direction, is that right?
- 18 A Yes. On this corner.
- Q Oh, is that the corner? Okay. All right. So tell us what happened after you went to the door and saw these two guys on your front stoop.
- 22 A The man that was standing asked if he could use my phone.
- Q Okay. And what did you say?
- A At that time, since I noticed the police car, which was not usually there, I asked if the police were looking for them.

- 1 Q And what, if any, response was there?
- 2 A The man that was seated on the step said, No, sir, I mean,
- 3 No ma'am.
- 4 Q Okay. Can you describe the one who was seated on your front
- 5 stoop?
- 6 A Yes. He was or is an African-American man. He had corn row
- 7 | braids in his hair. And he was wearing a black or a dark-colored
- 8 baggy shirt and dark-colored baggy pants.
- 9 Q Okay. And he's the one who was facing the street when you
- 10 first came to the door, is that correct?
- 11 A Yes.
- 12 Q And he's not the one who asked you if he could use your
- phone, is that correct?
- 14 A Yes.
- Q And the guy who asked you that was the one who was standing
- 16 up, is that correct?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q Can you describe that guy?
- 19 A He also was African-American. He had a short haircut, dark
- 20 black hair, wearing a loose white shirt with a long string and a
- single key around his necking and dark, baggy pants.
- 22 Q Okay. And let me just ask you, Ms. Wisnieski. Did you
- review, before you came here to testify today, a statement that
- you had written out in your own hand immediately after this
- 25 happened back on June 7th, 2002?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q You wrote that out for the police, is that correct?
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q Right after all this happened?
- 5 A Right.
- 6 Q Okay. Now, once you asked, one the guy who was standing
- 7 asked if he could come in and use your phone and you asked if the
- 8 police were looking for them, did he give you any kind of
- 9 explanation as to why he wanted to use your phone?
- 10 A Yes. That their car had broken down.
- 11 Q Their car had broken down. And was that the same standing
- guy that said that?
- 13 A I believe so.
- Q Okay. And what did you, after you, you told us already that
- 15 you suggested, you asked them if the police were looking for
- them. And the one who was sitting down with the corn rows said
- "No, sir, I mean, no, ma'am." What did you say at that point?
- 18 A I suggested that they ask police for some help.
- 19 Q And what happened then?
- 20 A Well, at that point during our conversation, a second police
- 21 car had arrived also on the corner. And after I suggested they
- ask the police for help, they stepped off of my front step,
- taking one step towards the dead end of the street, and then
- turned and walked in the direction towards the corner where the
- 25 police cars were there.

- 1 Q And what happened then?
- 2 A The police cars both very quickly and abruptly drove into
- 3 the street and met them in front of the house next door to mine.
- 4 Q And what happened then?
- 5 A The two men were handcuffed, sat down on the curb, had their
- 6 boots removed, and after what seemed like an eternity, were put
- 7 in the car and taken away.
- 8 Q Okay. You say what seemed like an eternity. Could you give
- 9 us a better idea as to how long, how much time passed? I assume
- it wasn't really an eternity?
- 11 A Maybe 15 minutes.
- 12 Q Okay. Let me just go back over something.
- You said that when they first left your stoop after you
- 14 suggested that they go look for help from the police, they took a
- 15 step in this direction down here toward the dead end, is that
- 16 correct?
- 17 A Yes.
- 18 Q This is a dead end here down at the end of your street, is
- 19 that right?
- 20 A Right.
- 21 Q In fact, on the other side of the dead end is just woods
- 22 again, is that right?
- 23 A At the time it was woods.
- Q Oh, what is it now?
- 25 A There's a middle school there now.

- 1 Q Okay. And the woods up here, has this been torn down, also,
- 2 this woods?
- 3 A No.
- 4 Q No? It hasn't?
- 5 A No.
- 6 Q Okay. Just this woods?
- 7 A Right.
- 8 Q Okay. All right. But then you say they very quickly headed
- 9 back in the direction where the police were, is that correct?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q And you say that these two police cars were up here on the
- 12 corner. Did they actually move when the defendants started
- walking away from your house?
- 14 A The two police cars very quickly drove in and met the two
- men in front of the house next door, yes.
- Q Okay. And would that be the house immediately above your
- 17 house?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q Is that right?
- 20 A By the red star.
- 21 Q By the red star on that. Okay. No further questions, Your
- Honor.
- 23 CROSS EXAMINATION
- 24 BY MR. KURLAND:
- 25 Q Good afternoon, Ms. Wisnieski. Did I get that right?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q I just have a couple of questions. You indicated, in
- 3 response to Mr. Harding's questions, that these, these entire
- 4 events took place at around, beginning around 5:00 or
- 5 thereabouts?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q And when he asked you that question, your response was yes.
- 8 Any way to be a little bit more precise as to when you first
- 9 heard the knock on the door? Was it a little before five? A
- 10 little after five? Or do you remember? I know it was a long
- 11 time ago.
- 12 A I don't specifically remember the minute.
- 13 Q All right. But you know it was 5:00 or thereabouts?
- 14 A Thereabouts.
- 15 Q When the, when the men left your front porch, and then you
- 16 testified that they seemed to start in one direction but then
- decided to go back down the street toward the direction of the
- police cars? Is that your testimony?
- 19 A Yes.
- 20 Q And then the police, the police cars, it sounded like your
- 21 testimony was that the police cars at that point kind of drove up
- 22 and, did they block them or did the police cars -- strike that.
- 23 Did the police cars drive in cars toward the men as they walked
- 24 down the street?
- 25 A Yes, they did.

- Q And did they just kind of abruptly stop their car right at them?
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- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q And then the police officers, you are able to observe how
- 5 many police officers got out of the car? Do you remember?
- 6 A It was at least two police cars. I don't remember how many
- 7 officers.
- 8 Q It was at least two police cars. And you actually observed
- 9 them being handcuffed?
- 10 A Yes.
- 11 Q Did that happen almost immediately after the police officers
- got out of the car?
- 13 A Yes.
- 14 Q All right. And then you said that there was about, you said
- 15 | it was an eternity, but then with respect to Mr. Harding's
- questions, it was about 15 minutes that they were still there
- 17 until they finally, the police cars drove away?
- 18 A That's a rough estimate on the time.
- 19 Q Do you recall if during that time any other police cars
- 20 drove up as well?
- 21 A I can't say for sure.
- Q Were you watching the entire time after they had left your
- 23 porch?
- 24 A Yes.
- 25 Q Okay. I have no further questions. Thank you.

- 1 MR. HARDING: Nothing further, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: Ms. Wisnieski, thank you very much. You're
- 3 excused.
- 4 THE WITNESS: You're welcome.
- 5 MR. HARDING: Your Honor, the United States calls
- 6 Police Officer Alvin Barnes.
- 7 OFFICER ALVIN BARNES, GOVERNMENT'S WITNESS, SWORN
- 8 THE WITNESS: I do.
- 9 THE CLERK: Be seated. Speak directly toward the mike.
- 10 State your name and spell it for the record, please.
- 11 THE WITNESS: Detective Alvin Barnes. Assigned to the
- Baltimore City Police Department, Internal Investigation
- 13 Division.
- 14 DIRECT EXAMINATION
- 15 BY MR. HARDING:
- 16 Q Good afternoon. Is it Officer Barnes?
- 17 A No. Detective.
- 18 Q Detective Barnes. I'm sorry.
- 19 A B-A-R-N-E-S, ma'am.
- 20 Q You say you're now assigned to the Internal Affairs Division
- of the police department, is that correct?
- 22 A Yes, sir.
- 23 Q How long have you been employed by the Baltimore City police
- 24 department?
- 25 A Four years.

- 1 Q Sorry. How long?
- 2 A Four years.
- 3 Q How long for the whole police department?
- 4 A I've been with the law enforcement for almost, going on 22
- 5 years.
- 6 Q Okay. Let me call your attention back to 2002. What was
- 7 your assignment at that time?
- 8 A I was with the Baltimore City Housing, Housing Authority
- 9 Police.
- 10 Q Okay. What part of town were you assigned to?
- 11 A I was roughly assigned to the east and west side of town.
- 12 Q Okay. That's a broad area. Let me ask you. On June 21st
- of 2002, in the late afternoon, were you involved in the
- 14 execution of a search warrant?
- 15 A I was.
- 16 Q Do you recall the location that you searched that day?
- 17 A Yes. 205 North Amity Street, Apartment Nine.
- 18 Q Okay. I have a picture here that I'm going to put on this
- screen and it's going to hopefully project on the screen you have
- 20 | in front of you. Can you identify what's in this picture, which
- is Government Exhibit PH-48?
- 22 A That's the 200 block of North Amity Street in the Lexington
- Poe Homes.
- 24 Q The Lexington Poe Homes?
- 25 A Yes.

- 1 Q So this is a city housing project, is that correct?
- 2 A Yes.
- 3 | Q And do you remember, you said it was -- what apartment
- 4 number did you say it was?
- 5 A Apartment Nine.
- 6 Q Okay. And is it fair to say that the apartments are
- 7 | actually multi-story apartments in this complex, is that correct?
- 8 A Some of them are two story. Some of them are one story
- 9 where you can walk right in.
- 10 Q I see.
- 11 A Some of them require that you climb a flight of stairs to go
- 12 up to the first floor, to the foyer.
- Q Okay. What about this apartment? Was it a first floor or
- 14 second floor or both?
- 15 A This was a second floor. One you have to walk up a flight
- of stairs to get in.
- 17 Q I see. Okay. Can you tell us, what sort of evidence were
- 18 you looking for when you went there to that location that day?
- 19 A When I was handed the search warrant, because I was the OIC
- 20 there, I was instructed to look for narcotics, weapons, and any
- kind of contraband or any illegal contraband associated with the
- 22 drug organization.
- 23 O Okay. Who was the lease holder for that apartment?
- 24 A I believe it was Ms. Arlene Williams.
- 25 Q Okay. Did you, it was still daylight at that time, is that

- 1 correct --
- 2 A Yes, sir.
- 3 | Q -- detective? Okay. It was around 5:00 in the afternoon?
- 4 A Yes, sir.
- 5 Q Did you use force to get into the apartment?
- A No. We didn't use force because the door was, I believe it
- 7 was unlocked. It was closed but unlocked, or it was open. But
- 8 | we didn't use the battering ram to gain entry.
- 9 Q Okay. Somebody just knocked on the door or something?
- 10 A It was a no-knock warrant.
- 11 Q Okay. But did somebody knock on the door? Is that how you
- 12 got in?
- 13 A No. We either tried the door or either the door was open.
- 14 Q Okay.
- 15 A It was a no-knock warrant.
- Q Okay. How many people were there in the apartment when you
- were there that day?
- 18 A It was three females. Three African-American females.
- 19 Q And can you give us their names?
- 20 A I believe Arlene Williams, Shannon Freeman, and there was
- 21 another I cannot recollect.
- 22 Q Yeah. You're looking at your report, is that right?
- 23 A Yes, sir. And I believe it's Ms. Delvison.
- Q What's Ms. Delvison's first name?
- 25 A Shamier Delvison and Shannon Freeman and Arlene Williams.

- 1 Q Okay. Was Shannon Freeman related to Arlene Williams?
- 2 A I believe that was her daughter.
- 3 Q Okay. How many officers were with you that day? Do you
- 4 remember or have a rough estimate?
- 5 A At least six of us. It had to be at least one sergeant and
- five officers because you have to have a permanent rank
- 7 supervisor to execute a search warrant.
- 8 Q Okay. Now, did you speak to the three women who were there
- 9 when you --
- 10 A Yes, I did.
- 11 Q Okay. After you spoke to them, did you go somewhere?
- 12 A Yes. After giving them their Miranda warnings, in which we
- filled out form, they filled out forms, explaining their rights,
- that's when I asked the question to both, all three of them. And
- 15 Ms. Shannon Freeman answered up to say --
- MR. FLANNERY: Objection, Your Honor.
- Q Okay. You asked a question. Can you tell us what question
- 18 you asked?
- 19 A Yes, I asked them were there any drugs or guns in the
- 20 premises.
- 21 Q And without telling us what anybody said, what did you do
- 22 after that?
- 23 A Conducted a search of the front right bedroom.
- Q Okay. Was that on the same floor you were on, then, on the
- 25 second floor?

- 1 A No, one more floor up.
- 2 Q One more floor up. I see.
- 3 A Yes.
- 4 Q So you went up a flight of stairs?
- 5 A Yes.
- 6 Q To the front bedroom?
- 7 A Right.
- 8 Q Okay. And you conducted a search?
- 9 A Yes.
- 10 Q Did you find drugs there?
- 11 A Myself and other officers did conduct a search. You want me
- 12 to give you the exact locations?
- 13 Q Yes, please.
- 14 A If I can recollect. I was the recovering officer and
- Officer Earnest Atwell was conducting the search in the second
- front bedroom, where he pulled up the mattress. And between the
- 17 mattress and the box spring was a plastic bag which contained 12
- green top vials of suspected crack cocaine and 36 white top vials
- which contained suspected, 36 white top vials which contained
- 20 crack cocaine.
- 21 At that time, when he discovered the contraband, I
- 22 photographed it.
- 23 Q Okay.
- 24 A And then secured it.
- 25 Q Okay.

- 1 A Because I was the seizing officer.
- 2 Q And did you discover other evidence there?
- 3 A Yes, we did.
- 4 Q Can you tell us what else you got?
- A Okay. And then went to the dresser drawer, top dresser drawer in the same bedroom, observed a plastic bag containing two large white rocks of suspected cocaine inside the drawer. That
- 8 was seized and photographed, also.
- 9 Q Okay.
- 10 A And then from there we, I did a search of the drawers,
- 11 pulled out all the drawers. At the bottom drawer, pulled that
- out. And sitting on the floor was a plate, a ceramic plate,
- which contained narcotics and crack vials. That was photographed
- and seized, also. You want the amount that was seized?
- 15 Q Yes.
- 16 A The plate contained 37 white top vials of suspected crack
- 17 cocaine and three green top vials containing crack cocaine and a
- 18 razor blade that was on the plate, also.
- 19 Q Okay. When you say it was on the floor in the chest of
- 20 drawers, do you mean that it was on the floor of the bottom
- drawer or was it on the floor of the chest below the bottom
- 22 drawer?
- 23 A It was on the floor itself. When you pulled the last drawer
- out, the bottom drawer, the plate was sitting on the floor. So
- 25 you would have to remove the whole entire bottom drawer and then

- 1 you would see it sitting on the floor. Picked it up, saw what it
- 2 was on it, seized it, and photographed it and secured it.
- 3 Q Okay. I have here an exhibit that's been marked Government
- 4 Exhibit A-6, and I'm going to put this on the screen, also.
- 5 Everything's still sealed inside this big plastic bag, Detective.
- 6 But I think I can point some things out, anyway. You can see
- 7 some green top things in here. Do you see them?
- 8 A Yes, sir.
- 9 Q You said you found some of these green top vials both on the
- plate on the floor of the chest of drawers and also in the bed
- between the mattress and the box springs, is that correct?
- 12 A Yes, sir.
- 13 Q And same thing for these white top vials here. You found a
- larger number of them both in the mattress and in the chest of
- drawers, is that correct?
- 16 A Yes, sir.
- 17 Q And then you say you found a bag that just contained rocks
- of crack, what appeared to be crack cocaine, is that correct?
- 19 A Yes, sir.
- 20 Q Is that this thing that I'm pointing to right now?
- 21 A Well, it's cracked up right now. But it was whole at one
- 22 time.
- 23 Q I see.
- 24 A It was two rocks.
- 25 Q I see. Two rocks. And you said there was a razor blade on

- 1 a plate on the chest of drawers, is that correct?
- 2 A Yes, sir.
- 3 Q Can you see that in here, also?
- 4 A Yes, sir.
- 5 Q There's a plate in here. Is this the plate you were talking
- 6 about?
- 7 A Yes, sir. Looks like the one that was there.
- 8 Q And there's also a bag in here. Would that have been
- 9 something you put this evidence into when you submitted it or is
- 10 that something you also recovered?
- 11 A Which one?
- 12 Q The brown paper bag in here. I'll show you what I'm talking
- 13 about.
- 14 A Okay. That was packaged more than likely down at ECU,
- 15 Evidence Control.
- 16 Q Okay.
- A Because if it's loose, they're not going to take any loose
- 18 items down there. So you would have to secure it.
- 19 Q Your Honor, this is all packaged in a sealed bag. Is there
- 20 any problem with publishing it to the jury?
- THE COURT: No. You can hand it to the jury. Don't
- open it, ladies and gentlemen.
- Q Okay. In addition to the drug evidence you've just told us
- about, did you discover other paper evidence in the chest of
- 25 drawers?

- 1 A Yes. It was personal mail in the name of Mr. Shelton
- 2 Harris.
- 3 Q Okay. Let me show you, first of all, Government Exhibit
- 4 A-2. Is this one of the letters that you found in the chest of
- 5 drawers?
- 6 A Yes. Because it was from an institution.
- 7 Q When you say it's from an institution, what are you
- 8 referring to?
- 9 A Well, incar -- well, somebody that was incarcerated, sent
- 10 from Jessup.
- 11 Q Okay. Actually, and the date is actually the previous
- month, right? January of 2002? No. No. That would have been
- four months, five months earlier, then?
- 14 A Yes, sir.
- 15 Q Okay. And then A-3. Another letter, appears to be from the
- same guy but from a different institution, is that correct?
- 17 A Yeah, from Hagerstown.
- 18 Q And that's a state prison, also, is it not?
- 19 A It is.
- 20 Q And you can't see the date on here very well. But --
- 21 A It says 24. Push it back a little bit. 25 November, 2001.
- 22 Q Okay. So that's a little earlier. And then the next one is
- actually from the same guy, also at Hagerstown?
- 24 A That one, 9th of November, 2001, it looks like.
- 25 Q Okay. I notice this, this one is addressed to Shelton

- Harris, as was the first one. Who's this second one addressed to?
- 3 A Hard Roc.
- 4 Q Okay. And did you also find this in the chest of drawers?
- 5 A Yes, I did. Maryland check cashing ID.
- 6 Q And read the name on it, please.
- 7 A Harris, Jr., Shelton L, 205 North Avenue, Baltimore,
- 8 Maryland, 21223. Social 217-04-6398, date of birth, 12/4/82.
- 9 Was issued 4/28/2000. Come to a male, he's five-eight in height,
- 10 140 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes. And then it has a signature,
- 11 Shelton Harris, on it.
- 12 Q And just to be clear, Detective, the location you searched
- was 205 North Amity Street, not 205 North Avenue?
- 14 A Yes, sir. 205 North Amity Street, Apartment Nine.
- 15 Q And finally, I'm showing you A-5. Can you tell us what this
- 16 is?
- 17 A It was sandwich bags.
- 18 Q Were they in the chest of drawers or where?
- 19 A Let me recollect, sir. It was in the same bedroom because
- 20 Officer Wahl recovered a box of sandwich bags utilized for
- 21 packaging of CDS and a black baseball cap from the second floor
- front bedroom, which was found to be Shelton Harris's bedroom.
- 23 Q Okay. Now, did there come a time while you were conducting
- 24 the search that the telephone rang at the apartment?
- 25 A Yes, it did.

- 1 Q And who answered it?
- 2 A I believe Ms. Williams did, his mother.
- 3 Q Okay. What happened after that?
- A Okay. Shortly after he had a conversation, I spoke to the person that was on the phone. And that's when I found out it was Shelton Harris. At which time I spoke to him and I asked him was he going to be a man or was he going to let his mother take the charge for the narcotics, at which time he stated that he would
- MR. FLANNERY: Objection.

come to the house.

- 11 THE COURT: I'm sorry. Was there an objection?
- MR. FLANNERY: Yes, Your Honor.
- THE COURT: There was no objection?
- MR. HARDING: I believe there was, Your Honor, from Mr.
- 15 Flannery.

- THE COURT: There was an objection?
- MR. FLANNERY: Yes, Your Honor.
- 18 THE COURT: All right. Overruled.
- 19 BY MR. HARDING:
- 20 Q Sir, you can go ahead.
- 21 A At which time he stated that he would come to the house and
- 22 turn his self in. He didn't want his mother to take the charge.
- 23 At which time he stated that he'd be there in about ten minutes.
- I waited outside 205 North Amity Street, Apartment Nine, at which
- 25 time about, approximately about ten minutes later Mr. Shelton

came walking up.

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At that time, that's when I approached him. I identified myself because I was in plain clothes. At which time he stated that he was Shelton Harris. I then took him inside the house, show that his mother was okay and everything. And at that time when he, I Mirandized him. I gave him his verbal warning, his rights. Told him that he had the right to remain silent. Anything he said or use, anything he say or write can be used against him in a court of law. At that time I also told him that if he lacked the financial ability to retain a lawyer, a lawyer would be appointed to him without cost.

At that time, that's when Mr. Harris told me that he doesn't sell narcotics down in Lexington Poe, he sold narcotics up on Park Heights Avenue, at which time that's when I placed the handcuffs on r. Shelton Harris. And at which time I waited for the affiant who wrote the warrant to arrive at the, at the location.

- Q And did he take responsibility for the drugs you'd found in his bedroom?
- A Yes, he did.
- Q What happened to the three women that you told us about?

  First let me clear up something. What is Arlene Williams's relationship to Shelton Harris?
- A Arlene, Arlene Williams is Shelton Harris's mom.
- 25 Q And Shannon Freeman?

- 1 A Shannon Freeman's his sister.
- Q Okay. Did she also go by the name Shannon Harris, do you
- 3 know?
- 4 A She wrote that on her Miranda warning.
- 5 Q Okay. And there was another woman there, Shamier Delvison.
- 6 What was her connection to Mr. Harris, if you know?
- 7 A From my knowledge, from what I've found out, that she was
- 8 formerly involved with Mr. Shelton Harris.
- 9 Q Involved in the sense of like having been his girlfriend?
- 10 A Yes, sir.
- 11 Q But it was your understanding she wasn't any more?
- 12 A No, sir.
- Q Was she also friendly with Ms. Williams and Ms. --
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q -- Shannon Freeman or Shannon Harris?
- 16 A Ms. Harris, yes.
- Q Okay. So what happened to them? Were they taken Downtown,
- 18 also?
- 19 A Ms. Freeman wasn't arrested. Ms. Delvison was arrested and
- 20 so was Ms. Williams. The reason why I arrested Ms. Williams,
- because she was the sole tenant at the house. And then I had to
- consult with the State's Attorney's Office whether they were
- 23 going to push for prosecuting her. Took her down to Central
- Booking and they declined to prosecute her.
- Q Okay. Just one moment, Your Honor.

1 THE COURT: Yes. 2 (Pause in proceedings.) Just to clear up, Detective. When you had your initial 3 phone conversation with Shelton Harris, when you took the 4 receiver from his mother and started talking to him --5 Yes, sir. 6 Α 7 You told us that you made a statement to him about being a man or letting his mother take responsibility for what? 8 9 For the narcotics that we, that was seized out of the house. Α 10 And what did he say, to the best of your recollection? 11 He didn't want his mother arrested and he didn't want her 12 evicted. 13 Did he take responsibility for the narcotics at that time? 0 14 Yes, he did. Α 15 Okay. Do you remember what his words were, roughly? 16 He said the drugs were his and that he didn't sell drugs 17 down in Lexington Poe, he sold them up in Park Heights. 18 Okay. Did he say that on the phone or did he say that last 19 thing about selling in Park Heights after you met up with him 2.0 down at the apartment? 2.1 Α He told me that at the apartment. 22 Oh, I see. Okay. So back at the apartment, you had a 23 similar discussion and he again took responsibility for the

25 A Yes, sir.

drugs --

- Q -- that were recovered? Were they, were they there still
  when he showed up 10 or 15 minutes after?
- 3 A Was the mother and the sister?
- Q No. The drugs, the drugs.
- 5 A No, the narcotics was secured in the vehicle.
- 6 Q I see.
- 7 A In our unmarked vehicle, alongside with all the forms.
- 8 | That's why Mr. Harris wasn't written, he wasn't given his Miranda
- 9 warning written. He was given to him orally because, like I
- said, the property and everything was secured in the vehicle. I
- didn't want to give away which vehicle the narcotics and stuff
- 12 were put in.
- 13 Q Okay. All right. I have no further questions. Thank you,
- 14 Officer Barnes, or Detective Barnes.
- 15 CROSS EXAMINATION
- 16 BY MR. FLANNERY:
- 17 Q Your Honor, could I ask the witness if I could take a look
- 18 at what he reviewed, please?
- 19 THE COURT: Of course.
- 20 Q Detective Barnes, my name is Paul Flannery. I represent
- 21 Shelton Harris. Good afternoon.
- 22 A How are you doing, sir?
- 23 Q Detective Barnes I notice you were referring earlier to the,
- 24 the Baltimore City Police Department report that you drafted on
- 25 June 21st, 2002, correct?

- 1 A I was looking at the Statement of Probable Cause.
- 2 Q Okay. But you did, in fact, draft the police department
- 3 report on June 21st, 2002?
- 4 A I did.
- 5 Q That's the date the raid took place, correct?
- 6 A June 21st, 2001, yes, sir.
- 7 Q 2002, was it not?
- 8 A I'm sorry. 2002.
- 9 Q So June 21st, 2002. You wrote a report that day following
- 10 the search and seizure incident, correct?
- 11 A Yes, sir.
- 12 Q And you also, at a later date, drafted a Statement of
- 13 Probable Cause which you referred to earlier?
- 14 A That was, that was done the same day.
- 15 Q Okay. But you did, in fact, draft a Statement of Probable
- 16 Cause arising out of this incident?
- 17 A Yes, I did.
- 18 Q Both those reports, well, the Baltimore City Police
- Department, Statement of Probable Cause, both drafted on that
- 20 day?
- 21 A Yes, sir.
- Q Okay. And it's fair to say that on June 21st, 2002, the
- events that occurred were fresher in your mind than they are
- 24 today?
- 25 A They were fresher, yes.

- 1 Q They were fresher in your mind when you drafted that report?
- 2 A Yes, sir.
- 3 Q Okay. Now, the raid began at 1700 hours, correct?
- 4 A Yes, sir.
- 5 Q And at the time you entered the house, you spoke to three
- 6 individuals there?
- 7 A After securing the premise, yes.
- 8 Q Okay. Spoke, after securing the premises, you spoke to
- 9 three individuals. And in your report you outline as you went
- 10 through the various narcotics that you seized, correct?
- 11 A Excuse me, sir?
- 12 Q You outlined in your report the various narcotics that you
- 13 seized?
- 14 A Yes, sir.
- 15 Q And you described the narcotics as having green vial tops,
- having white vial tops, some of them inside plastic bags. You
- described the locations that they were in. That's all correct?
- 18 A I don't quite say plastic bags. But I remember that the
- vials were loose, they were on, they were on a plate. Also,
- 20 there were plastic bags in the mattress, between the mattress.
- 21 There was a plastic bag between the mattress.
- 22 Q And you provide a lot of details in your report?
- 23 A Yes, sir.
- Q And those details are fresh in your mind that day?
- 25 A Yes, sir.

- Q But one thing that's not in your report, is it not, is the fact that you spoke to, that you actually spoke to Shelton Harris that day?
  - A It's in my report that I spoke to him, in the Statement of Probable Cause. The only thing that is lacking was the fact that I did not put in that he was verbally Mirandized.
  - Q Okay. In the report that you drafted on the day that the raid occurred, you did not put in your report the fact that you Mirandized Shelton Harris and then spoke to him following that?
- 10 A Yes, sir.

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- 11 Q You did not put that in your report?
- 12 A No, sir.
- Q And when you drafted the Statement of Probable Cause, you did not put in your report the fact that you Mirandized Shelton
  Harris and spoke to him thereafter?
- 16 A Let me recollect. I know in the police report I didn't.
- 17 Let me see in the Statement of Probable Cause. No. It's not.
- 18 It's not noted in there, either.
- Q Not noted in there. And then almost three years to the day following that raid you had a meeting with Prosecutor Harding and with Special Agent Brian Klas of the ATF, that's correct?
- 22 A I believe so.
- Q And in that meeting for the first time did you then state
  that at that point you Mirandized Shelton Harris after he
  returned to the apartment, and at that point he made a statement

- 1 to you that he didn't sell drugs on Lexington but, in fact, that
- 2 he sold them up in Park Heights? That's the first time that we
- 3 see that in a written report?
- 4 A I believe so because in the criminal court case --
- 5 O But that's true?
- 6 A Yes.
- 7 Q That's the first time we see that in a written report?
- 8 A Yes, sir.
- 9 MR. HARDING: Your Honor, the witness wasn't done
- 10 answering.
- 11 THE COURT: Well, you can revisit it on redirect. Go
- 12 ahead, Mr. Flannery.
- 13 BY MR. FLANNERY:
- 14 Q Thank you, Your Honor. Now, you were talking with Mr.
- 15 Harding on direct about how Ms. Williams, Shelton Harris's
- 16 mother, received a phone call during the execution of the search
- 17 warrant?
- 18 A Yes.
- 19 Q That's correct? And when she received a phone call, you
- 20 understood that, you actually got on the phone and you understood
- 21 that you were actually talking with Shelton Harris?
- 22 A Yes.
- 23 Q And you then told him that, what you, as you stated, that he
- was either going to be a man or was he going to let his mother
- 25 take the fall for this?

- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q So you were, in fact, threatening him that if he didn't own
- 3 up to these drugs, if he didn't own up to what you found, that
- 4 you were, in fact, going to arrest his mother that day?
- 5 A No, I wasn't threatening him.
- 6 Q You weren't threatening him?
- 7 A The whole thing was when you execute a warrant and people
- 8 are on the premises, and if narcotics are seized, the people that
- 9 are in the house are fair game. They can be arrested and charged
- 10 with narcotics. Now, he had the option on whether to not to show
- 11 up or to show up. That's the only option I gave him. If he
- wanted, you know, not to show up, then yes, his mother would have
- been arrested, as she, subsequently she was. But she was
- released for the simple fact that I spoke to the State's Attorney
- about her involvement in the case. So they declined to prosecute
- 16 her.
- Q Okay. I understand that. What I'm asking you is, what you
- 18 stated to him over the phone, are you either going to be a man or
- are you going to let your mother take the fall for this charge?
- 20 That's what you stated to him?
- 21 A Yes, but it wasn't a threat.
- Q What you stated to him was, are you going to be a man or are
- 23 you going to let your mother take the fall for this charge?
- MR. HARDING: Objection. Asked and answered.
- THE COURT: Sustained.

1 BY MR. FLANNERY:

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Q You had an opportunity to review the warrant, did you not, before this raid began?

A We were in, we had a roll call. Just before we execute any warrants, we have a roll call, at which time we're briefed on what to do, what to look for. Unfortunate thing was we didn't have time to go over the warrant because we had like maybe about five locations that they were hitting. So we couldn't go over each location and say, hey, you're going here. The only thing they handed was the envelope.

They hand you an envelope with the warrants inside of it. They tell you, this is your premise, this is where you're going. They'll tell you how many officers are going with you, who the raiding party was going to be. That's it. Once you get to the location and you execute the warrant, you secure the premise. And then after that, the warrant is taken out of the envelope and that's when you tell people what you're here there for, what they're there for. You're here to execute a warrant. What you're there to seize.

- O Okay. You weren't the affiant on the warrant?
- 21 A No, sir.
- 22 Q One of the affiants on the was Sergeant Evans?
- 23 A Yeah. Sergeant Steve Evans.
- Q Right. Okay. And you, as you testified on direct, it was
  your understanding before that you were looking for narcotics and

- 1 | weapons? That was your understanding? That's correct?
- 2 A Yes. Yes, sir.
- 3 Q And when you went into the house, at one point you have the
- 4 three individuals secured in the lower portion of the house,
- 5 correct?
- 6 A Yes. Brought them down. Two were in the living room. One
- 7 was up in the bedroom. She was brought down. They were secured.
- 8 And that's when they were Mirandized.
- 9 Q And you, in fact, asked, you asked at that point, then, they
- were Mirandized. You asked them where are their drugs or weapons
- in the house, correct?
- 12 A No. If there were any.
- 13 Q If there were drugs or weapons in the house?
- 14 A Right.
- 15 Q And is it your understanding, having reviewed the warrant,
- that, in fact, there was not an authorization to search for,
- search and seize narcotics. Is that your understanding?
- 18 A No, sir.
- 19 Q Okay.
- 20 A I didn't know --
- 21 Q That's not your understanding?
- 22 A No. I didn't know that the, that the warrant itself wasn't
- for narcotics until way after, that the drugs that, what was
- supposed to have been seized.
- 25 Q I understand that. So if I understand your testimony,

- 1 that's what you're acknowledging, is that I didn't understand
- 2 that the warrant was not for narcotics?
- 3 A I'm not going to say I didn't understand. It's that I
- 4 didn't know.
- 5 Q Okay. That the warrant was not for narcotics?
- 6 A Exactly, at that time.
- 7 Q And you asked the individuals if there are narcotics or
- 8 weapons in the house, is what you asked them?
- 9 A Right. Because that's what we're accustomed to.
- 10 Q Okay. So just to back up for one minute. Like I said, the
- 11 raid started, as you indicated, 1700 hours?
- 12 A Yes, sir.
- 13 Q You entered the house and you did a protective sweep of the
- 14 house?
- 15 A Yes.
- 16 Q Okay. And at that point you're looking for bodies and
- 17 weapons?
- 18 A Looking for anybody else inside the premise because a lot of
- 19 times people aren't going to come out voluntarily. So you have
- 20 to do a sweep. And that's for officer's safety.
- Q Okay. At that point you found Ms. Williams and Ms. Delvison
- in the lower portion of the apartment?
- 23 A In the living room.
- Q And you found Ms. Freeman, or Shannon Freeman or Shannon
- 25 Harris upstairs in a rear bedroom?

- 1 A Yes, sir.
- 2 Q And she was detained, the women on the lower floor were
- detained, all brought to one central location in the living room?
- 4 A Yes, sir.
- 5 Q It's at that point, then, that you Mirandized them with
- 6 written forms?
- 7 A Yes, sir.
- 8 Q You had the written forms then?
- 9 A Yes, sir.
- 10 Q And at that point, then, is when you asked the question, Are
- 11 there any weapons or drugs in the house?
- 12 A Yes, sir.
- Q Okay. How much time had elapsed from the point they entered
- 14 the home to the point that you now Mirandized the women and
- 15 you've asked that question?
- 16 A I'd say possibly maybe about 10 minutes, 10, 15 minutes.
- Because we had a female officer. The protocol is you search
- everybody for weapons. So with women, that would take a little
- 19 longer than with just men because we're allowed to pat down and
- search a man, you know, a male, a male subject. But a female,
- she cannot be searched thoroughly in front of male officers. So
- 22 they had to have been excused from the room, then brought back.
- 23 And then after the search was conducted, that's when they were
- 24 Mirandized and that's when the questions were asked.
- 25 Q Okay. So 10, 15 minutes has elapsed. And at this point,

- 1 then, you are then directed to go to the upstairs and begin to
- 2 | conduct a search at that point, in the upstairs third floor, if I
- 3 understand right, bedroom?
- 4 A It's the second floor. But to some it would be a third
- floor. But to most who understand the walk up in Lexington Poe
- 6 is just two floors.
- 7 Q And at that point you and several officers are conducting a
- 8 search inside the bedroom?
- 9 A The whole house.
- 10 Q Okay.
- 11 A The entire house.
- 12 Q But you personally are upstairs executing the search of the
- 13 bedroom?
- 14 A Yes.
- 15 Q Okay.
- 16 A Because I'm the recovering officer.
- 17 Q Sure. And you're finding various narcotics, you're finding
- various pieces of property. You're photographing those, you're
- documenting those at that point, correct?
- 20 A Yes, sir.
- 21 Q How much time would you say elapsed at that point, then, to
- 22 the time that you have completed the search now?
- 23 A Well over an hour.
- Q Well over an hour?
- 25 A Well over an hour because we have, I believe it was three

- 1 bedrooms. So you just don't stop searching at the one bedroom.
- 2 You go through the whole house. That means the kitchen, the
- 3 bathroom, the whole shebang. You know, you just look, look under
- 4 every crevice.
- 5 Q When did Sergeant Evans arrive on the scene?
- 6 A Shortly after the warrant was executed. It was over an hour
- 7 before he even got there because by the time he got there, the
- 8 search was conducted, the narcotics were secured, and Shelton
- 9 Harris had just came in. So Sergeant Evans arrived shortly after
- 10 | Shelton Harris arrived at the house.
- 11 Q And at this point, well over an hour has passed from the
- 12 time that you began the raid by the time Sergeant Evans comes on
- the scene?
- 14 A Sure. Because he was at other locations, also. Like I
- said, we had hit five locations that day. So he had to go, go to
- every location because he's the affiant on all the warrants.
- 17 Q And so in being the affiant on the warrant, it's your
- 18 understanding that Sergeant Evans actually executed the return
- 19 | for the warrant? You're aware of that?
- 20 A You mean like wrote on the return sheet?
- 21 Q Yes.
- 22 A I don't think he did. I don't think it's his writing.
- 23 Sergeant Murphy is the one that wrote on the return. And he's
- the, he was the permanent rank supervisor at the location. And I
- 25 was the witness officer there. The inventory was made in the

- presence of Sergeant Murphy and PO Alvin Barnes. And then Steve
  Evans signed at the bottom. Signature of affiant.
  - Q One second, Your Honor, please.
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- 5 THE COURT: Yes.
- Q So you witnessed, did you witness the actual execution of the return, of the return of the warrant?
  - A You mean when it was returned to the judge?
  - Q Yeah. If the inventory was made in the presence of Sergeant Murphy and Alvin Barnes, did you actually witness Sergeant Evans execute the return?
  - A He don't execute the return, sir. The only thing he did was he responded to the location. When he responded, we told him what we recovered. He saw everything he didn't see everything. But what happened was Sergeant Murphy, who was the permanent rank supervisor, he was present when everything was seized. So Sergeant Murphy just wrote down the inventory was made in the presence of Sergeant Murphy and Police Officer Barnes and then Sergeant Steve Evans signed the bottom of it. He's the affiant. I swear this inventory was true and detailed account of all the property taken by me on the warrant. And this was seized out of the house.
  - Q And that's what I'm asking you. Were you there when Sergeant Evans actually executed, were you there when Sergeant Evans, as the affiant, executed, where it says, I swear that this

- 1 inventory is a true and detailed --
- 2 A Yeah. All three of us were there, yes, sir.
- 3 Q You were there at that point?
- 4 A Yes, sir.
- 5 Q But it was completed, then, before Sergeant Evans arrived on
- 6 the scene?
- 7 A Yes, sir.
- 8 Q Okay. And so at 17, if it indicates, does it indicate, does
- 9 | it not, at the top of the return -- put this up on the for you.
- 10 A I received the attached search warrant?
- 11 Q You wouldn't generally fill this out until, until the search
- is completed, right, and then Sergeant Evans would be on the
- 13 scene?
- 14 A Yes, sir.
- 15 Q Okay.
- 16 A Well, not necessarily. If he came on the scene, it's up to
- 17 the, the permanent ranking supervisor on the scene. He could
- have also signed it and stated that it was inventoried in front
- of him, also. But Sergeant Steve Evans, he appeared on the scene
- 20 and that was his signature.
- 21 Q But you don't have it all inventoried and ready to be
- itemized until you're about ready, the search now is over. We're
- going to inventory it all up, itemize it, and we're going to
- 24 execute this return?
- 25 A It is itemized because what happened is you have a raid

- sheet. And on the raid sheet you put the location where the property was seized from.
- 3 Q Right.
- 4 A Okay? Every location. Under the bed. Under the drawer.
- 5 Wherever the property was seized. What happened was the total
- amount of narcotics, he broke it down. He saw that it was 37
- 7 here, 3 there. He just totaled it up. And it came out to 88
- 8 vials of suspected crack cocaine.
- 9 Q Okay.
- 10 A That's how he inventoried it. He didn't break it down and
- 11 say well, 33, 37 was found here. Three was found there. He
- didn't do it. He just combined everything that was found, all
- 13 the narcotics.
- 14 Q I understand. I guess what I'm asking you is that if this
- is the return, it indicates up, it indicates that at 1730 is when
- 16 you're filling this out. You're filling it out at 1730. Is when
- 17 you're executing this. And Sergeant Evans is right there with
- 18 you guys?
- 19 A No. He could have estimated that it was at 1730. But in
- 20 all actuality, it was well after 1730 hours.
- 21 Q Okay. So you're saying that, in fact, it's not correct, is
- 22 what essentially --
- 23 A It's possible that he, it was an oversight on his part. But
- I know it takes at least, at least an hour to do a thorough job
- 25 in searching a premise. You just can't go in. And especially if

- it's a three bedroom house. You have a bathroom, you have a kitchen, you have to go through all the cabinets. It's going to take you well more than an hour to search any house.
  - Q Okay. And when you -- after the search, you come downstairs, you're debriefing, then, the three individuals that are still in the lower portion of 205 Amity. After you've completed the search, you then go down to debrief the three individuals and that's when the phone call comes in?
  - A Right. They're secured.
- 10 Q Go ahead.

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- A And they are informed, they are advised who might be going to jail and who probably won't. Just so happens that Ms. Shannon Freeman, I believe she never was arrested at all. I'm not sure the reason why. But I believe she was pregnant or whatever. But she wasn't arrested.
  - But the rest, the other two, they were informed that they would be arrested. And then shortly thereafter, that's when Mr. Shelton Harris called.
  - Q And you spoke to Mr. Harris on the phone and he eventually tells you that he will be there. He didn't tell you any time that he would arrive but you went outside and waited for him?
- A No, he said. He said he would be there in about ten minutes.
  - Q Ten minutes. So you went outside and waited for him?
- 25 A Yeah. I went outside.

- Q And at that point your testimony is that everything was locked up and everything was put away and the raid kits were all
- A Yes, sir. No, they are weren't all gone. They were secured in a vehicle. They were secured in a vehicle right outside the premises.
  - Q Security in a vehicle right outside the premise at the time that he shows up. He shows up, identifies, you take him inside, and that's when your testimony is that you orally Mirandized him then at that point?
- 11 A Yes, sir.

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- Q Okay. And so you couldn't go back outside, though, and get one of the forms because you didn't want to give away where, which cars the raid kits were in?
- 15 A The narcotics. The narcotics and the raid kit was in the same vehicle.
- 17 Q Okay.
- A I can't want to leave that car unattended for the simple

  fact that if somebody know the evidence is in the car, they could

  break in it.
- Q Understood. But you understand it is important to use those written Miranda forms?
- A Sure. But he appeared after, after the raid was executed, after the warrant was executed. That's when he showed up.
- 25 Q And you did, in fact, use those written Miranda forms on the

- 1 three women in the house?
- 2 A Sure. Because we had the raid packets and everything when
- 3 we entered into the premises.
- 4 Q Thank you. No further questions, Your Honor.
  - REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 6 BY MR. HARDING:

- 7 Q Is it correct, Detective Barnes, that Miranda warnings are
- 8 generally given to people when they're in custody and when
- 9 they're being interrogated? Is that correct?
- 10 A Yes. Or when there's an inclination that their involvement
- in crime, that they might incriminate themselves. So you give
- 12 them their Miranda warning.
- Q Of course, Mr. Harris took responsibility for the drugs when
- he was on the phone with you, wasn't even at the premises, isn't
- 15 that correct?
- 16 A That's right. Yes, sir.
- 17 Q And when he came back to the house you say you gave him the
- 18 Miranda warnings before you took another statement from him, but
- 19 you gave them to him verbally, is that correct?
- 20 A Yes, sir.
- 21 Q And is that your distinct recollection?
- 22 A Yes, it is.
- Q Did you testify about that at a hearing back in 2005,
- 24 Officer Barnes?
- 25 A I did.

- Q You also said that when you stated to Mr. Harris that if he didn't come back his mother and others might be arrested, that
  was not a threat. Do you recall that?
  - A Yes. It wasn't a threat.
- 5 Q What do you mean by that?

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A I just asked Mr., Mr. Shelton Harris, are you going to be a man and take the charge like a man or are you going to let your mother take the charge for these drugs, which weren't hers?

That's the only thing I was telling Mr. Harris. And that's when he was, he was convinced, and he surrendered his self to me.

I didn't tell him, Hey, get down here, anything. I spoke to him in a cool, monotone voice. And I let him know, You going to let your mother take this charge for you? And he said he was coming down there. He came down there within ten minutes. He walked from, from Lexington, from Lexington Street. He was coming from Lexington Street way. And that's when I met him. And as I saw him heading towards the house, that's when I met him head on and I stopped him and I spoke to him. He identified himself after I identified myself. I identified myself first. Said I'm Officer Barnes. He identified himself as Shelton Harris.

- Q Now, his mother was the lease holder for the apartment, you said, is that correct?
- 24 A Yes, sir.
  - Q So was it your intention before you got that phone call to

- 1 | actually arrest her for possession of those drugs?
- 2 A Yes, sir.
- 3 Q Did you know that those drugs were actually Shelton Harris's
- drugs after you, after you'd searched the room? You'd found the
- 5 paperwork at that point, is that correct?
- 6 A Yes. It linked him. It's a possibility there was a link
- 7 between Shelton Harris and the drugs.
- 8 Q Yeah. And you had also gotten information from one of the
- 9 three females down before you even started to search, is that
- 10 correct?
- 11 A Yes, sir.
- MR. FLANNERY: Objection, Your Honor.
- 13 THE COURT: Overruled.
- 14 Q Yeah. Why don't you tell us what she, what the female told
- 15 you down on the first floor? This is, we've been all around
- this. Why don't you just tell us what she told you?
- MR. FLANNERY: Objection, Your Honor.
- 18 THE COURT: The objection's sustained. I think the
- 19 jury gets it.
- MR. HARDING: No further questions, Your Honor.
- MR. FLANNERY: Your Honor, briefly. Very briefly.
- 22 RECROSS EXAMINATION
- BY MR. FLANNERY:
- Q Detective Barnes, again, you did, in fact, tell Mr. Harris
- 25 that he was either going to man up or his mother was going to

- 1 | talk the fall for this charge? Those are your words?
- 2 A I didn't tell him. I asked him.
- Q Okay. You asked him that. And then, in fact, when he did
- 4 show up and then you testified that you made the statement to
- 5 | him, you arrested his mother, anyway? That's correct?
- 6 A Exactly. I did.
- 7 O Yes?
- 8 A But I told --
- 9 Q You arrested his mother and she was taken down to Central
- Booking, not to be released until the State's Attorney's Office
- 11 eventually then did release her. Is that correct?
- 12 A I had to explain to the State's Attorney's Office what her
- involvement in the case was, which is very minimal. They felt
- 14 that they didn't want to prosecute her. They declined to
- prosecute her. And I told them, I said, This is something I have
- 16 to do. As a police officer, she's in the premises with the
- 17 narcotics, I'm inclined to arrest her.
- Now, when we get down to Central Booking, it's up to
- 19 the State Attorneys whether or not they're going to prosecute
- 20 her. It's up to me as a prudent officer to approach the State's
- 21 Attorney's Office and ask them, this is the charge, this is what
- 22 I have. If they say, Hey, Officer, I understand the dilemma,
- we're not going to prosecute her, there was no hair, there was no
- hair loss. I just said okay, fine. If you're not going to
- 25 prosecute her, that's okay with me.

- Q And Mr. Harding went over with you the purpose of Miranda
  warnings? You understand as a police officer how important
  Miranda warnings are, right?
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- Q Sure. So important that Mr. Harding and Mr. Klas had you down for an interview almost three years to the day after this happened in order to specifically discuss whether or not you Mirandized Mr. Harris at this raid, that's correct?
  - MR. HARDING: Objection.
- 10 THE COURT: Sustained.
- MR. FLANNERY: No further questions, Your Honor.
- MR. HARDING: May I ask one question?
- 13 THE COURT: Certainly, Mr. Harding.
- 14 REDIRECT EXAMINATION
- 15 BY MR. HARDING:
- Q When you came down to see Special Agent Klas and me three years ago, Detective, was that to prepare for your testimony at the hearing we referred to earlier?
- 19 A Yes, it was.
- 20 Q And did we cover all aspects of what you did that day?
- 21 A Yes, you did.
- 22 Q And did you testify under oath that day?
- 23 A Yes, I did.
- 24 Q Thank you. No further questions.
- 25 THE COURT: Thank you very much, Detective Barnes.

You're excused. Is that it, counsel?

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MR. HARDING: Yes, Your Honor.

THE COURT: All right. Ladies and gentlemen, that's going to conclude our court day a little early. We hope you don't mind.

I'm advised that there is a very good chance that we are going to conclude the government's presentation next week.

My earlier plan that we would be in session through Thanksgiving still holds, although there is now, I think, a good possibility that the case will conclude before the Thanksgiving holiday.

I will advise you tomorrow, I think, in greater detail of what our schedule is likely to be next week. Not only might the government finish its presentation next week but, in fact, contrary to what I had planned and what I said to you earlier today, having now conferred with counsel, it may be that we won't be in session next Friday.

I don't want to give you too much information and I certainly don't want to give you conflicting information. But I do want to give you as much information as I can so that you can plan your lives.

So right now the plan is to be in session every day next week, including Friday for half a day. And if that changes, I will advise you promptly either tomorrow or certainly on Monday. We'll know on Monday, I think, whether we're going to be in session with you on Friday of next week. So we're making good

1 progress. And we all very much appreciate, again, the continuing 2 sacrifice that you all as jurors are making to enable you to 3 participate in this important exercise. So leave your note pads on your chairs, please. 4 5 no discussion about any of the evidence. Continue to adhere to 6 all of my instructions. Avoid media exposure about the case. Do 7 not discuss the case. Do not permit anyone to discuss the case 8 with you. Do not visit any of the scenes. Do not conduct any 9 investigation of any sort online, off line, books, newspapers, or 10 any similar activities. 11 Enjoy your evening. We'll see you tomorrow morning, 12 please, at 9:30. We'll start promptly at that time. 13 Jury's excused until 9:30 tomorrow, Wednesday. (Jury exits the courtroom at 3:20 p.m.) 14 15 THE COURT: So have a seat for a moment. What do you 16 expect to have tomorrow now, Mr. Harding? 17 MR. HARDING: In addition to Shamier Delvison, Arlene 18 Williams, Shannon Harris, Roy Jones. 19 THE COURT: And what's Jones's area? 2.0 MR. HARDING: He's the fingerprint guy. 2.1 THE COURT: Oh, right. Okay. 22 MR. HARDING: And also Andre Drake. 23 THE COURT: And what's Drake, Drake's area?

MR. HARDING: Drake was -- remember, Mr. Harris got

arrested again in 2004. He was in an apartment. He was actually

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1 living with two friends of his, Andre Drake and Sherri Fickling 2 at that time. And that's where the gun and the rap lyrics were 3 recovered. And so --THE COURT: What was the address? 4 5 MR. HARDING: That was on Seamon Avenue, Your Honor. 6 THE COURT: In Cherry Hill? 7 MR. HARDING: Yes. 8 THE COURT: Okay. All right. 9 MR. HARDING: Who else? Am I leaving someone? We have 10 Damita Green and Ernest Reynolds tomorrow. So we could come 11 close to having a full day tomorrow, especially since we think we 12 may now have Damita Green. 13 THE COURT: Okay. Have you gotten some more recent 14 word since we started the afternoon session? 15 MR. HARDING: Oh, have we -- we did speak to her over 16 lunch and we now think we may well be able to get her tomorrow. 17 But as a precaution, Mr. Hanlon has prepared an affidavit in 18 support of a material witness warrant. 19 THE COURT: Are you going to want me to hold her 2.0 overnight? MR. HARDING: No. We just want to have it available in 2.1 22 case she resists coming tomorrow. 23 THE COURT: All right. Yeah. That sounds like it 24 could very easily be a full day tomorrow.

And then next week just in broad outline.

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                 MR. HARDING: Oh, and also one other thing. Kenny
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       knows about, he's available for tomorrow, also. He's coming in
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                 THE COURT: Okay. But you're going to put him at the
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       very end?
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       issue would preclude him from testifying or not. So if Your
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       Honor wants me to postpone him until next week, just let me know.
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                 THE COURT: I think I would like you to do that.
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                 THE COURT: Okay? Let's hold Welsh until I've had a
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       the medical examiner. Has that stipulation on the chemist been
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                 MR. HARDING: No, I haven't heard a peep.
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                 THE COURT: Well, you haven't heard an objection.
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       Court permits, to call Rodney Hayes on Tuesday because it happens
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      to be his day off. He's working now.
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                 MR. HARDING: And anxious to, he has to earn a living.
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      Hayes before we break today. And Reynolds. Who else next week?
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       through the whole list. Could I have a few minutes?
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                 THE COURT: Just who's left? I mean, surely you must
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       remember who's left.
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                 MR. HARDING: You would be surprised, Your Honor.
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                 THE COURT: I would be, I'm sure.
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                 MR. HARDING: Well, there's Sheri Fickling.
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                 THE COURT: And who is she, again?
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                 MR. HARDING: She was living in that Seamon Avenue
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                 THE COURT: Oh, right. Right.
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                 MR. HARDING: Judge, there are one or two people we're
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       still looking for.
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                 THE COURT: Okay. No more witnesses in custody?
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                 MR. HARDING: Yes. There's one more, Gregory Mungo,
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       Your Honor.
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                 THE COURT: Mungo.
                 MR. HARDING: And we have the marshals to testify about
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       that assault in the marshal's lockup.
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                 THE COURT: Oh, right. Who's Mungo?
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                 MR. HARDING: Mungo was a prisoner who was in the
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                 THE COURT: He's on the Count 19. All right.
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                 MR. HARDING: Oh, yeah. In connection with the Eric
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      Little shooting and the shooting of Jason or Jerome Epps, we have
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      not only Kenny Welsh, but two firearms technicians, two
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      ballistics experts who have to testify.
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      hold me to it.
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                 THE COURT: Okay. That sounds very much like you're
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                 THE COURT: Of course. Of course.
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                 MR. HARDING: -- some more issues.
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MR. HARDING: On March 11th, 2002, in other words, after the McCaffity/Brown double murder but before the Wyche brothers double murder, two men approached a group of men that were leaving a party shortly before midnight on Lauretta Avenue in West Baltimore. And the two men ordered the men to get down on to the ground. A couple of men actually took off running. But two of them got down on the ground. And the two men who were giving the orders opened fire on them, killing one of them and wounding the other, Mr. Epps.

THE COURT: Without further ado? Without --

MR. HARDING: Without further ado, yes.

THE COURT: All right.

MR. HARDING: So there were two kinds of .40 caliber shell casings recovered from the scene and two kinds of .40 caliber bullets. One set of casings and bullets matched the evidence recovered from the Wyche brothers murder, where only one gun was used and it was a .40 caliber.

The other casings and bullets were all fired by the .40 caliber semiautomatic that was recovered from the woods in the Tonya Jones Spence murder, but which was never fired in the course of that murder. That is the weapon, you recall, from Mr. Montgomery that they didn't want to actually fire that day because, according to Mr. Gardner who owned it, it a body on it. So they didn't want to actually have to use that one.

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So that's government's evidence. And the government considers it to be probative not only as a way of linking these, the Jones Spence and the Wyche brothers homicide together, but also because it corroborates Will Montgomery, that this .40 caliber gun had a body on it.

The Court's prior ruling that we can't bring out the fact that Mr. Lee was killed somewhat puts a crimp in that. It somewhat diminishes the value of the corroboration that the evidence would offer for Will Montgomery. And since the Court has heard that, I would ask the Court to reconsider its ruling on that, since it's relevant specifically to corroborating Will Montgomery. But as things stand now, the Court has admitted the evidence but we're supposed to not include the fact that Eric Lee was actually killed in the shooting.

THE COURT: Will, and if not, why not, Epps testify?

MR. HARDING: Neither of them could identify the

shooters. They didn't know who the shooters were. There's no

point in having them testify. Will Montgomery -- did you say

Will?

THE COURT: Will Epps testify and if not, why not?

MR. HARDING: We have never talked to Epps because all of our indications are that he knows nothing about this shooting. He doesn't know who shot at him. He can't describe them in any way. We don't have descriptions of the shooters.

THE COURT: But you say that they were told to get down

1 on the ground. 2 MR. HARDING: Yes. 3 THE COURT: And it wasn't a robbery --4 MR. HARDING: No. 5 THE COURT: -- from what you described. It sounds like 6 an execution. 7 MR. HARDING: It was. Do you want the police 8 department hypothesis about it? 9 THE COURT: Yes. What's the police department 10 hypothesis? 11 MR. HARDING: Detective Benson could go into more 12 detail. But we believe that Goose, these guys were connected to 13 Goose, and were believed to have thwarted Goose, the guy who was 14 at that point employing Mr. Martin. We believe that this was a 15 hit ordered by Goose, by Sherman Kemp, who has subsequently been 16 prosecuted but who has never cooperated. 17 THE COURT: And who was himself a potential victim at 18 some point. 19 MR. HARDING: Yes. 2.0 THE COURT: Late in the developments. 2.1 Martin and Gardner decided to, and MR. HARDING: Yes. 22 Will Montgomery, were all going to rob and kill Goose. That was 23 a plan that was very much in the works. 24 How would you prove -- well, I guess you're THE COURT:

going to have the detective, you were going to have the detective

1 testify that he recovered the projectiles at the autopsy? 2 MR. HARDING: Well, I will of course not do that if the 3 Court's --THE COURT: But I mean, that's how you were going to do 4 it before my preliminary ruling that we don't need another murder 5 6 in the case? 7 MR. HARDING: I would, I would dance, dance around the 8 issue of where the bullets recovered at the autopsy were actually 9 recovered from. I would say they were recovered from some 10 portion of the victim's body or something like that. 11 THE COURT: Did you say there were two shots fired from 12 each of the .40 calibers? 13 MR. HARDING: No. There were multiple shots fired. 14 think there were seven shots fired from one gun and three from 15 another. 16 THE COURT: And which was the murder weapon, as it 17 were? Do you recall? 18 MR. HARDING: No. 19 THE COURT: But three and five, you recall? 2.0 MR. HARDING: Three and seven. THE COURT: Three and seven. Excuse me. 2.1 Three and 22 seven. So remind me of the dates once again, please. 23 McCaffity was February 25th. 24 MR. HARDING: Or February 28th. 27th into the 28.

then we have March 25th and, March 24th into the 25th. Actually,

slightly after midnight on March 25th for the Wyche brothers murder.

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THE COURT: And this Lee Epps? And this shooting happened at about close to midnight on March 11th. I mean, we believe the shooters were Mr. Gardner and Mr. Martin, but it may have been a different combination of these defendants, Your Honor. But we can't prove it and we aren't charging it. What we need --

THE COURT: You're going to argue, I take it, that

Mr. -- well, we have substantial evidence that Mr. Gardner was in

continuous possession of the .40 caliber for some period before

the Jones Spence murder?

MR. HARDING: We know that from Mr. Montgomery, Your Honor. They took that gun, as well as the .357, every time they went out on surveillance. He says going on for a couple of months prior to the murder.

THE COURT: Right. And what do we know from the evidence or think we know from the evidence regarding the, the -- you never recovered the weapon in the Wyche brothers? You just have the ballistics, right?

MR. HARDING: That's correct.

THE COURT: So I'm sorry to repeat, ask you to repeat, Mr. Harding. So the Lee weapon comes back to the Wyche brothers.

 ${\tt MR.\ HARDING:}$  There are two Lee weapons. Remember?

THE COURT: Right. When I say the Lee weapon -- well,

1 I'm saying there's a Lee weapon and there's an Epps weapon. 2 MR. HARDING: Oh. 3 THE COURT: Both .40 calibers. MR. HARDING: Actually, I haven't, I can't tell you 4 5 that the -- the guy who fired one of the .40 caliber weapons may 6 have hit both of these. 7 THE COURT: I see. I see what you mean. So it wasn't 8 like the two shooters divided the two victims. 9 MR. HARDING: They may have but I just don't know. 10 Maybe Benson --11 THE COURT: Okay. Okay. 12 MR. HARDING: Detective Benson believes that all of the 13 rounds were directed at Lee and that Epps was hit by a ricochet. 14 THE COURT: Oh, I see. I see. Is there something 15 about the two of them that sort of gives color to that? Was Lee 16 more closely associated with Goose or --17 TFO BENSON: Your Honor, in that incident, the only 18 individual that was, it was clearly an execution. He was shot as he was prone down on the ground, 10 or 11 times. I believe Epps 19 2.0 was only hit with a ricochet. 2.1 THE COURT: I see. 22 TFO BENSON: The theory was that an individual was with them named Donald Dukes, who we believe was being supplied 23

cocaine by Goose. Dukes was on the phone that entire night,

looking over his shoulders. He was one of the ones that ran as

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the two individuals came up. He was on the phone with County Sports, which is owned by Sherman Kemp, and Shelly Wayne Martin worked there. That was the theory.

THE COURT: Okay. I see. All right. Well, I'll hear from counsel, Mr. Harding. But I mean, I agree with the government. In light of the evidence that the jury has heard and, frankly, the extraordinary length that the government has gone to to trace the .40 caliber found in the woods through Montgomery, through the soil, although I realize that that was inconclusive at best, I'm not going to ask you to dance around, if you're going to tell the jury, as I think you clearly are entitled to tell the jury, that ten shots were fired and -- how many, how many fragments did you recover? Well, you recovered all ten shell casings?

MR. HARDING: I believe so, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Or most of them.

MR. HARDING: I can't tell you the number of bullet fragments that were recovered. But there were several whole bullets recovered from both autopsies. Because there was a bullet recovered, even though Epps was hit by a ricochet, there was a bullet in him that had to be pulled out, i mean not in an autopsy, but at the hospital. He was taken to a hospital and a bullet was taken out.

THE COURT: When you say an old bullet --

MR. HARDING: Whole, whole.

1 THE COURT: Whole. I'm sorry. 2 MR. HARDING: And there may have been bullet fragments. 3 There probably were bullet fragments recovered from the scene as well, although I just --4 5 THE COURT: Okay. But your principal interest is the 6 shell casings? 7 MR. HARDING: Yes. THE COURT: From the .40 calibers. All right. 8 9 MR. KURLAND: Your Honor, I'll resist --10 THE COURT: Just one moment, Mr. Kurland, please. 11 Do you have a theory, Mr. Harding, however speculative, 12 as to what happened to the other .40 caliber? 13 MR. HARDING: No. 14 THE COURT: No? No idea? 15 MR. HARDING: One of our witnesses next week will have 16 a lot of testimony about the firearms in this case and I'm trying 17 to remember if he had any information about that particular one. 18 But I can't recall if he does. 19 THE COURT: And by the way, apart from Lee Epps, Wyche 2.0 brothers, Jones Spence, are there any other connections with 2.1 these two weapons to any other shootings of which you've been 22 advised? 23 MR. HARDING: Well, actually, I vaguely recall another 24 one, but Benson has now left. I would have to check the -- I 25 have reports upstairs that contain information about another

shooting I wasn't planning on getting into.

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THE COURT: All right. The reason I asked that, and I appreciate that, I'm trying to anticipate the cross examination, obviously. Because I don't want to take us too far afield. It looks like Agent Benson's coming back. But you think there may be one other? You want to confer with the agent?

(Pause in proceedings.)

MR. HARDING: Like me, Detective Benson thinks there was another non-fatal shooting that was connected by trigger lock comparisons. But I would have to go examine the reports to give the Court any more information. In any case, I wasn't planning on getting into that.

THE COURT: Right. Is it in the same time period?

MR. HARDING: It would have been, yes.

THE COURT: And which, which .40 caliber is it?

MR. HARDING: Can't --

THE COURT: Don't recall?

MR. HARDING: No.

THE COURT: Okay. All right. Mr. Kurland.

MR. KURLAND: The world just continues to shift by the moment because ten minutes ago, I was basically, I was going to make it based on the Court's ruling that the evidence doesn't come in but no reference to the homicide.

THE COURT: Yeah. I think that that's, frankly, I think that would be a silly ruling.

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MR. KURLAND: Well, I think that -- well, I'm going to ask, renew my motion that it should all be excluded under 403 because, Judge, this is -- first, we made a 404(b) demand and I'm not 100% certain that we've received all the information we're entitled to under 404(b). With respect to other shootings, the government's never, the government doesn't want them in. The government hasn't made an attempt to put them in.

THE COURT: Well, the government is not going to argue -- I say this, of course, not having heard from Mr.

Harding -- but the government's not going to argue that Mr.

Gardner was actually the shooter in the Lee Epps shooting. The government's not going to argue. But the government clearly should be entitled to argue that a firearm that Mr. Montgomery says was Mr. Gardner's constant companion and which Mr. Gardner had declaimed had bodies on it and which was left in the woods within minutes after Tonya Jones Spence was murdered --

MR. KURLAND: Your Honor, that's, factually, that's not proven. It was found two and a half weeks later. But that's sort of beside the point.

THE COURT: Well, I take your point. I don't think it's beside the point. I didn't say when it was -- I said when it was left. I didn't say when it was found. I said it was left in the woods within minutes of Tonya Jones Spence's murder. Now, that's speculative but it's a reasonable inference -- it's not speculative. It's a reasonable inference that a fact finder

could draw.

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MR. KURLAND: That's correct.

THE COURT: All right.

MR. KURLAND: But, Your Honor, here's the thing. First off, the evidence concerning the corroboration of Mr. Montgomery and the certainty that Mr. Gardner lugged this gun around all the time and was joined at the hip with it was not what Mr. Montgomery testified to. In fact, Mr. Montgomery testified back and forth that either the Glock is the gun of choice of Mr Gardner or he had a .357. So there's a lot of inconsistencies in Mr. Montgomery's testimony concerning how long the gun was.

But in addition to that, Judge, with respect to this gun and the time period, even if you go back to the shooting three -- wait -- on March 11th, and the surveillance period of at least two months, so on, so forth, the timing doesn't match up with respect to Gardner ever claiming that it had bodies on it.

Because if you put the time frame together, Gardner's claiming he has bodies on the gun before this shooting.

THE COURT: Well, I don't even, I'm not accepting as true that the weapon had bodies on it, let alone that it had three bodies on it.

MR. KURLAND: Well, no. But it just seems that when there was a statement that was made earlier in the trial that Mr. Mitchell allegedly made that was demonstrably false, the Court took the extraordinary step and instructed the jury that the

statement was demonstrably false.

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And here, there's no evidence at all, and maybe I have it wrong, but there's no connection with regard to Mr. Gardner ever taking orders to carry out a hit from Goose.

The other fact the government leaves a little bit out is that Lee, I believe there was a search of the victim's house after he died and he had tons of drugs at his house. So there's a million people leaving this party -- not a million, I'm exaggerating. There's a lot of people leaving the party. For there to be speculation that Gardner and, the Court said that he doesn't think the government's going to argue that. But that's going to be the obvious 403 unfair prejudice inference.

Nobody was charged here. I'm certainly going to be able to ask the officer that nobody was arrested here. Mr. Gardner wasn't arrested. I hope the Court is not going to limit my cross examination on that point. But Gardner was never arrested.

THE COURT: No.

MR. KURLAND: Martin was never arrested. And we have all these testimony -- we had testimony today from the government's own witness that Darius Spence, that these guns, you know, promiscuously move around in the drug/gun community.

We also have testimony, I think it's the government's theory that they elaborated on in their opening statement, that, I think their theory is McCaffity took his girlfriend to a gun

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sale, thought was a gun sale. So gun sales and gun buys and gun transfers apparently are Saturday night date activity in this case.

There's nothing that ties this -- I shouldn't say there's nothing that ties this. The unfair prejudice to allow this whole inquiry is that the guns which never really, if you do the little chart on the guns, there is no gun that is used in the Spence murder that is used in any of the other murders, there's no common gun. The common gun is this uncharged event where there were many people around, many speculative motives. The only connection is through an uncharged act. And that really is the tail wagging the dog. And I would ask that none of this come in.

THE COURT: All right. I think what you just said, Mr. Kurland, is exactly the government's argument. What you contend are factors that the Court should weigh on the undue, unfair prejudice prong are exactly the factors that make this evidence so extraordinarily probative. You have, you have three homicides involving a total of two weapons. Homicide one is charged in this case. Homicide three is charged in this case. And in between you have an uncharged homicide.

And what the government is now prepared to show on very compelling evidence, that the weapon used in homicide one shows up in a homicide a few weeks later. And a second weapon used in homicide one, treating the shootings of Epps and Lee as sort of a

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single homicide, shows up in a homicide a month and a half, two months later. And you have direct testimony from Will Montgomery and others regarding possession of the one weapon, the recovery of that weapon within a few hundred yards of the location of homicide number three. You have testimony in the form of an admission by Mr. Gardner through Montgomery regarding his possession of that weapon.

 $$\operatorname{MR}.$$  KURLAND: Which, by the way, the only evidence on that is from Mr. Montgomery.

THE COURT: Well, look, I'm not weighing the evidence.

I'm not weighing the evidence. That's for the jury.

MR. KURLAND: I understand. But the thing is, though, what the government is setting forth and what the Court seems to find as being this compelling connection, the whole point is this compelling connection, the strongest evidence is this uncharged crime of which, you know, there's an that old saying, guns don't kill people, people kill people. The connection is through a gun. There's no evidence at all that Mr. Gardner or Mr. Martin or anybody sitting on this side of the courtroom was involved in those murders.

THE COURT: And I absolutely acknowledge that.

MR. KURLAND: So what's happening here is the government is essentially going to have what I view as some of the most compelling evidence on an uncharged, the most compelling evidence, I find it to be unfairly prejudicial because it's this

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gun evidence tied to some murder, tied to the connection, without really tying it to the people involved.

whatsoever. To the contrary, to the contrary, it will be for the jury to determine, and you, and you and other counsel clearly have laid a foundation, Mr. Coburn did this morning, these guns are like currency to a certain extent in this world. And you can loan a gun. You can borrow a gun. You can, you can trade guns for drugs. You can do all kinds of things. You can buy a gun on the street.

The jury's heard Mr. Montgomery say in response to my own question, why did you need another gun? Because he had a plan for this other gun. The jury's heard all of that.

So it will be up to the jury to decide how compelling is the circumstantial evidence that between two charged murders, these two firearms, one of which is not shown to have been used in one of the charged murders but is shown to have been present at the uncharged murder, how plausible is it that between late March, or I should say late February and mid June that these .40 caliber Glocks were really changing hands on a daily or a weekly basis, as opposed to the inference that --

MR. KURLAND: It's still months, it's still months before.

Your Honor, I take it the government's not going to be permitted, though, to have anybody testify to speculate as,

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they're going to theorize that Mr. Martin, that Mr. Gardner and Mr. Martin were involved in the Lee murder. But I should be able to elicit the factual information that Mr. Gardner was not arrested, has never been arrested for that murder.

THE COURT: Well, if you open that door, I don't know what the government might want to do or what additional information the government may have. Obviously, I can't, I can't predict a ruling on the basis of a door that's not yet opened, Mr. Kurland.

MR. KURLAND: No. But this is concrete enough that, obviously, they won't be able to get into it on direct. But to me, it would seem to me at minimum that I should be able to elicit the factual information. There's been no arrest. And speculation, inference and theorization is not fair game once that door has been, opened that door.

THE COURT: Of course.

MR. KURLAND: Opened that door.

THE COURT: Of course. And I just wonder if you want to just -- sometimes, you well know, I don't mean to lecture, you save some things for closing argument.

MR. KURLAND: I understand that.

THE COURT: Now, the fact of the matter is the government's presentation on the Lee/Epps murder, the Lee murder is going to be fairly sanitized. I mean, obviously, I'm not going to tell counsel how to conduct the examination. But the

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focus here is on the ballistics. So it will be summary testimony that there was a shooting somewhere in Baltimore City, that there were two victims, one of whom died as a result of his wounds, a total of ten shots were fired, and yes, there were, these were semiautomatics. We recovered nine or ten shell casings and we determined that there were two, because we did the ballistics and we found that one firearm fired seven shots and one firearm fired three. I mean, that's pretty much it. On or about March 11th. All right?

MR. KURLAND: And I want to make it clear that we still are objecting.

THE COURT: Now, if you want to get into, you know, the investigation and who was questioned and photo arrays and, and who was -- I mean, you know, obviously, I'm not going to preclude you. I just say, state the obvious, that to the extent you open the door by impeaching the detective's investigation -- I don't think the jury's going to infer that Mr. Gardner must have done it. I respect your disagreement.

MR. KURLAND: Well, if they're not going to infer that, then I see no relevance to the evidence, then. It shouldn't come in, then, at all.

THE COURT: No.

MR. KURLAND: Because that's the very reason --

THE COURT: No. That's not true. The point is, the point is --

1 MR. KURLAND: I don't want to argue with the Court. 2 THE COURT: The point is that did Gardner have the 3 weapon before those murders? Did he have them, did he have it after those murders? 4 5 MR. KURLAND: I just want to restate for the record our 6 objection under 403 grounds, and sort of the tail wagging the 7 The strongest evidence the government is bringing in is an 8 uncharged murder in a case where there are five murders. And 9 they've gone to great lengths already to try to link them. I 10 just think that that's a 403 issue and the entire inquiry should 11 be kept out. But I understand the Court's ruling. 12 THE COURT: All right. Anybody else on this point? 13 MR. MARTIN: Well, actually, Your Honor, I was just 14 going to say I want it to come in. 15 THE COURT: I thought there may be a difference of 16 opinion among counsel. 17 MR. MARTIN: There is, Your Honor, a strong difference 18 of opinion. But we have another issue. 19 THE COURT: Let me just make sure that nobody else 2.0 needs to be heard on this. All right.

MR. MARTIN: Your Honor, one of the government's witnesses tomorrow is going to be Shannon Harris. I was looking through her grand jury and I just didn't want to get caught in the middle of objecting and you not knowing where I'm coming from when I object. They're going to be asking her if she knows

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       whether Mr. Harris was selling drugs. And her basis for that, I
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                 THE COURT: Why do we care about what she knew?
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                 THE COURT: -- during the raid.
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1 subject to being told I'm wrong, when I object tomorrow, I would 2 like Mr. Harding to set the foundation as to why she knew, 3 instead of just getting an answer. THE COURT: Perhaps Mr. Harding can clear this up very 4 5 quickly. How does she know, Mr. Harding? 6 MR. HARDING: I'm afraid I can't clear it up. I don't 7 have my file with me right now and I don't remember what she's 8 going to say. It's been a long time --9 THE COURT: All right. 10 MR. HARDING: -- since I talked to her. 11 THE COURT: I assume you would remember if she had said 12 either, I saw him do transactions or he told me. I mean, that 13 kind, you would remember that? You wouldn't need your file? 14 MR. HARDING: No. I think she may well. 15 THE COURT: Okay. 16 MR. HARDING: I think if she didn't tell me those 17 things, she may have been trying to protect her brother, 18 actually. But I think she obviously knew. She's the one who directed the police up to the second floor bedroom when they were 19 2.0 looking for drugs on Amity Street. 2.1 THE COURT: Remind me what she said when --22 MR. HARDING: She said, well, if there are any drugs in 23 the house, they are up in my brother's bedroom, Shelton's 24 bedroom.

Well, if there are any drugs in the house.

1 Well, check that out. I'm going to count on you to remember, Mr. 2 Harding, and I know Mr. Martin will, when we start tomorrow 3 morning, be prepared with that answer. Okay? MR. HARDING: We are not going to start with her 4 5 tomorrow. 6 THE COURT: No. No. I mean before we start with the, 7 with the jury tomorrow, let Mr. Martin and the Court know what your basis, what Ms. Harris's basis of knowledge is. That's all. 8 MR. HARDING: And by the way, Your Honor, Ms. Rhodes 9 10 asked me about who our first witness is going to be. I am afraid 11 that due to the precarious situation with Ms. Green, I think 12 we're going to try to get her on the stand first just because 13 she's such a precarious witness. 14 THE COURT: Okay. Well, Ms. Rhodes has been excused from 9:30 till 10. 15 16 MR. HARDING: Is this somebody Mr. Lawlor could --17 THE COURT: No. Ms. Rhodes is prepared on Ms. Green. 18 So we can hold Ms. Green until 10:30. I mean, she doesn't have to be the first witness. Okay? 19 2.0 MR. HARDING: Actually, Mr. Hanlon just tells me that she's not being picked up until 9:30. So she won't be here until 2.1 10:30. 22 23 THE COURT: Great. While you have the floor, Mr. 24 Harding, I was, actually, I got a little nervous with Detective

Barnes. What was going on there? Didn't we have a suppression

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MR. HARDING: Yes. Yes. Your Honor has already ruled on the Miranda issue. I was going to ask the Court if the Court would be willing to tell the jury that the Miranda issue has been resolved and is not an issue for their consideration. Mr. Flannery spent most of his --

THE COURT: Yeah. The voluntariness is a part of it.

I agree with you, the way Mr. Flannery did it was potentially
misleading. But I just wanted to be reassured that we did have
the hearing that I thought we had, that the Court had fully
considered --

MR. HARDING: Yes, we did.

THE COURT: -- all those issues.

MR. HARDING: And Your Honor expressly ruled on it.

THE COURT: Okay. All right. That's what I thought.

But Mr. Flannery is clearly entitled to argue that the statement wasn't voluntary and that, therefore, it shouldn't be considered by the jury. And whether or not Miranda was given obviously is a factor that goes into a voluntariness determination. And he's entitled, notwithstanding the Court's ruling, to argue to the jury that the jury shouldn't credit Officer Barnes's statement that he gave Miranda warnings. Yes, Mr. Flannery.

MR. FLANNERY: That is true, Your Honor. The line of questioning was more geared towards the detail in his report.

THE COURT: Sure.

MR. FLANNERY: The lack, then, of the Mirandization.

And the Mirandization doesn't come on the scene until, like I said, almost three years to the day later. That it then needs to become an issue.

THE COURT: I got that.

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MR. FLANNERY: That was my line. I wasn't attempting to be creative and misleading. I'm not --

THE COURT: No. Not at all.

MR. KURLAND: Your Honor, one quick other point. As the government's case apparently is going to end next week, I would ask the Court if perhaps on Monday the Court would consider giving, prior to the close of the government's case, a dual sovereignty instruction. And what I would propose doing is the Court has the one that it worked on a week ago. And I would like the opportunity to have that as Option A and then work on slightly refined one, Option B, present it over the weekend, and have the Court make a determination. But give it both, give one to the jury on Monday and then as part of the packet of instructions as well.

THE COURT: I think that's very fair. And I do plan to give it on Monday.

MR. KURLAND: Thank you very much, Your Honor.

THE COURT: Whatever it is I'm going to give.

All right. Now, quickly, before we conclude on Reynolds. This is your issue, Mr. Crowe, or Mr. Pyne?

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MR. CROWE: Yes, Your Honor. On Monday, on behalf of Mr. Martin, we filed a motion in limine with respect to certain statements which we were afraid Mr. Reynolds was going to be testifying to. The first statement was one that Mr. Gardner had allegedly made to Mr. Reynolds in a jail house conversation. I understand the government still wants to get that in.

There were also a series of statements that a fellow by the name of Desmond Dicke had made to Mr. Reynolds. And I understand from a conversation with Mr. Harding this morning that the government does not intend to get in anything that Mr. Dicke said to Mr. Reynolds. So we only have one issue.

THE COURT: Okay. So Reynolds and Martin --

MR. CROWE: Reynolds and Gardner.

THE COURT: I'm sorry. Reynolds and Gardner are --

MR. CROWE: Reynolds and Gardner were at some point cell mates. It is unclear from the discovery that I have gotten when that conversation took place.

THE COURT: When do you think it did?

MR. CROWE: I think it took place in 2004.

THE COURT: 2004?

MR. CROWE: The reason that I think that it took place in 2004 was that in a grand jury session Mr. Harding read into the record a letter which he had written to Mr. Graham's lawyer, who was --

THE COURT: Mr. Who's?

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To Mr. Reynold's lawyer, who was Andrew MR. CROWE: Graham, saying that he was surprised to learn in March of 2004 that Mr. Reynolds and Mr. Gardner were actually cell mates. That's the reason we think that the conversation took place in 2004. It is apparently, except for the context in this case, it would be a simply innocent statement that Mr. Martin needed money for a lawyer. We say that no matter when that statement --THE COURT: So that is the statement, that Gardner, Gardner told Reynolds --MR. CROWE: That Martin needed money for a lawyer. THE COURT: Without any contextual -- I mean, weren't they talking about the Tonya Jones Spence murder? MR. CROWE: Your Honor, I have no idea what they were talking about. THE COURT: Let Mr. --MR. CROWE: Sure. THE COURT: Let Mr. Harding fill in the gaps here. MR. HARDING: My recollection -- first of all, Your Honor, let me explain about this letter I wrote to Mr. Graham. THE COURT: All right. MR. HARDING: I had already spoken to Mr. Reynolds. And then he came and, and he had given us information about this case. It then turned out that he was incarcerated with Mr. Gardner.

1 THE COURT: When? 2 MR. HARDING: I believe March of 2004. I am going to 3 take -- I don't remember the date. But that's the date that Mr. Crowe just gave you and I don't doubt that that's accurate. 4 5 THE COURT: All right. 6 MR. HARDING: I was writing Mr. Graham to alert him to 7 the fact that I did not instruct and did not intend to instruct 8 Mr. Reynolds to try to get any statements out of any defendants. 9 And I wanted Mr. Graham to get on top of that because I know what 10 the law is in this area. 11 THE COURT: Right. 12 MR. HARDING: And that was the purpose of the letter. 13 THE COURT: How did you learn that they --14 MR. HARDING: I brought him in again. And that's when 15 he told me about --16 THE COURT: And he was in custody at that time? 17 He was in custody at that time. MR. HARDING: Yes. 18 And he told me that he had been put into a cell with Mr. Gardner for some period of time. I don't think he was still in the cell 19 2.0 with Mr. Gardner when I talked to him. 2.1 THE COURT: And they were at Central -- well, Gardner 22 was out in Baltimore County at that point? 23 MR. HARDING: No. 24 THE COURT: No? 25 MR. HARDING: Mr. Gardner is back and forth, back and

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                 THE COURT: He hadn't been convicted, had he?
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                 MR. HARDING: He was convicted in the Baltimore County
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                 MR. HARDING: It may have. May have.
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                 THE COURT: Well, it clearly was if it was March, '04.
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                 MR. HARDING: Yeah. It would have. Yes.
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                 THE COURT: But you're suggesting that Mr. Gardner may
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      have been in DOC on some kind of violation?
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                 MR. HARDING: No, they're both in Supermax. They're
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      both in Supermax.
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                 THE COURT: Gardner was in -- oh, because he waived
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                 MR. HARDING: Well, I'm not sure why Gardner was in
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                 MR. COBURN: We did.
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MR. HARDING: Yeah.

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THE COURT: On the federal case, even though he was not yet tried on the federal, on the state indictment.

MR. HARDING: Meanwhile, Reynolds is picked up just on some city narcotics charge.

THE COURT: Not a federal charge?

MR. HARDING: It became a federal charge, yes, it did.

THE COURT: Oh, it became a federal charge. And they both end up in Supermax.

MR. HARDING: His attorney came in for a proffer session, completely unaware of what he was going to talk about. And she eventually had to get out of the room because at that time Mr. Martin was represented by Paul Hazlehurst. And this was Beth Farber. And she had to, in fact, resign her, her job representing Mr. Reynolds as a result of this conflict that arose. And that's when Andrew Graham got appointed. Supplying more background than the Court needs.

THE COURT: No. It's helpful to understand.

MR. HARDING: So Mr. Graham gets involved. I bring in Mr. Reynolds again and he gives me statements that he had heard from Mr. Gardner and told me that he had actually been placed in the same cell with Mr. Gardner. And that's when I wrote the letter to Mr. Graham, alerting him to the fact that I do not instruct his client to elicit statements from defendants.

THE COURT: All right.

1 MR. HARDING: And I sent this letter, together with the 2 other Jencks/Giglio material to all counsel. 3 THE COURT: All right. And so the statement is in the context --4 5 MR. HARDING: The statement is clearly, whereas I don't 6 recall exactly what the statement came out as in the grand jury, 7 but it is my recollection that Mr. Reynolds says exactly what Mr. 8 Montgomery said, which is that Mr. Gardner wanted to get money in 9 that robbery that led to the Jones Spence murder because Mr. 10 Martin needed money for an attorney. And that's why Mr. Crowe is 11 so eager to keep it out of evidence, I assume. 12 THE COURT: And it's not coconspirator. I mean, it's 13 not coconspirator exception. 14 MR. HARDING: We're relying on the fact that it's an 15 admission, Your Honor. 16 THE COURT: Oh, so you agree that Mr. Crowe is entitled 17 to a limiting instruction? 18 MR. HARDING: Yes. He can be entitled to a limiting instruction. 19 2.0 THE COURT: I see. You just want it in against 21 Gardner? 22 MR. HARDING: We want it in because it shows that, what 23 Gardner's motive was in the murder, which the defense in this 24 case is very concerned about for reasons I'm not entirely clear

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THE COURT: Well, because it's, I mean, to a certain extent it's Count One. I don't want to overstate it. But that's why they're concerned about it. All right. I understand now, Mr. Crowe.

So the government says you're entitled to a limiting instruction, as would Mr. Mitchell and Mr. Harris, but it's clearly admissible against Mr. Gardner.

MR. CROWE: Well, the difficulty, of course, is that it mentions Mr. Martin. And although it is made in 2004, it definitely, it will ask the jury to hearken back to what Mr. Montgomery said Mr. Gardner had said really almost two years earlier, in March or April of 2002, about needing a lawyer.

I don't quite understand why the fact that Mr. Martin needed money for a lawyer in 2004 is any sort of an admission --

THE COURT: No. I'm sorry.

MR. CROWE: -- against Mr. Gardner.

THE COURT: No. I don't think that's what -- the upshot of the statement -- correct me, please, Mr. Harding, if I'm wrong. It's not that Mr. Martin needed money for a lawyer in 2004. In 2004, Mr. Martin had been indicted in this case and he'd been appointed two very fine lawyers. Actually, Mr. Martin was still represented by the Public Defender at that point.

MR. CROWE: That would be correct.

THE COURT: Yeah. I thought that the statement, though made in 2004, was an historical statement about what was going on

in 2002. Government counsel is nodding its head. So the statement was made two years after the fact.

MR. CROWE: Well --

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THE COURT: According to Reynolds.

MR. CROWE: What we have, we have his question. I see. Did he talk to you about Wayne needing money for something? Yes. What did he need money for? Answer: A lawyer.

THE COURT: Right.

MR. CROWE: There's certainly nothing, if that, if it were, in fact, harkening back to the situation in 2002, one would have expected that a, you know, that a lawyer of Mr. Harding's caliber would have brought that out.

THE COURT: I don't --

MR. CROWE: This is all in the present tense.

THE COURT: Mr. Harding, can you clarify?

MR. HARDING: Yes.

THE COURT: Look, there's always this issue -- Mr.

Martin's point was exactly the same. You know, certain things happen in the grand jury and before the grand jury. And I understand counsel have to work off of grand jury transcripts so you're sort of left in the necessarily. But this is an opportunity, Mr. Harding, for you to clarify.

MR. HARDING: As I said before, my recollection is that he was talking about Gardner's motive in doing the Tonya Jones Spence murder. Now, Mr. Hanlon is actually going to handle Mr.

Reynolds and has spoken to him more recently than I. And he can perhaps elucidate this issue further.

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In any event, he's prepared to counteract any argument Mr. Crowe has about Bruton.

THE COURT: Mr. Hanlon? Can you just summarize that part of Reynolds's testimony?

MR. HANLON: Yes, Your Honor. I anticipate that Mr. Reynolds will testify that during the time that these conversations took place --

THE COURT: First of all, how do they know each other, apart from being cell mates?

MR. HANLON: They were members of the little same drug trafficking chain. Mr. Reynolds will, in addition to testifying about these statements, was also involved in some earlier drug dealing activities with Card and some of the other people that the Court heard about during the '90s and before we got into the recent stuff.

They're locked up together, I believe in 2004, and they're having conversations about some of the charges that Mr. Gardner was then facing. And they talked about the charges and what had happened. And Mr. Gardner essentially explained that the reason, one of the reasons he got involved in the murder he was charged with, i.e., the Spence murder --

THE COURT: Now, was he talking, if you know, about the fact that he was facing murder charges in Baltimore County or

1 that he was facing a RICO conspiracy charge here in Federal 2 Court? MR. HANLON: I really don't know whether or not the 3 discussion was segmented that way. And I don't know whether or 4 5 not Mr. Reynolds would have differentiated between them. 6 THE COURT: Okay. Do you know whether Mr. Gardner 7 would have differentiated? 8 MR. HANLON: I don't know. 9 THE COURT: Okay. All right. 10 MR. HANLON: Essentially, Mr. Gardner tied his 11 involvement in the Spence murder to the fact that he needed money 12 and, among, among other things, because Mr. Martin, his friend, 13 needed an attorney back in 2002. And I anticipate that will be 14 the testimony. 15 THE COURT: When were you appointed, Mr. Coburn? Do 16 you recall? 17 MR. COBURN: It was pretty much at the beginning. I 18 wish I could give Your Honor the date. 19 The indictment's January, '04. But you're THE COURT: sure it's by February you were appointed, you were in the case? 2.0 2.1 MR. COBURN: I'm not 100%. But I would bet. 22 THE COURT: All right. 23 MR. COBURN: I mean, I don't think Mr. Gardner had 24 anybody before me in this case.

THE COURT: Okay. All right. All I can say, Mr.

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Hanlon, you've already got it in -- well, I guess that's your
answer. In terms of --

MR. HANLON: Meaning I already got in the need for Mr. Martin to get the attorney?

THE COURT: Yeah. Yeah.

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MR. HANLON: That is the most controversial point on the Spence murder in this case, Your Honor. The entire theory of the defense by Mr. Gardner has been on that point. This is an important corroborating witness.

THE COURT: Okay. All right. Mr. Crowe, anything else?

MR. CROWE: The only thing I can say is that Mr. Hanlon is quite correct, that the motive for the Spence, without a motive for the Darius Spence robbery, which led to the Tonya Jones Spence killing, there is no way, at least in the defense's mind, in which the whole Tonya Jones Spence matter can be part of this, can be part of this RICO conspiracy.

For that reason, this statement which is made by Mr.

Gardner saying that, possibly saying that the motive for that killing had something to do with my client's needing money to get, to afford a lawyer is very, very, is a very, very incriminating matter, and my client's name is mentioned in that.

This is not, by any stretch of the imagination, as the government has conceded, a statement in furtherance of the conspiracy. What it is is an admission, conceivably an admission

by Mr. Gardner, but one which names and inculpates Mr. Martin.

We think that's the classic Bruton problem.

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THE COURT: What's peculiar is that it's an admission by Mr. Gardner which in one strong sense is of no consequence to Mr. Gardner. It really, it really kind of turns the concept of an admission on its head. It's an admission, it's an admission of one defendant whose real probative value for the government is only related to the other three.

MR. CROWE: I'm not sure, Your Honor --

THE COURT: Because Mr. Gardner's motive for the Jones Spence murder simply would be irrelevant.

MR. CROWE: Your Honor, I believe Mr. Gardner has as much interest as we do in decoupling these matters.

THE COURT: Well, I don't think so. Mr. Coburn hasn't even objected. Right, Mr. Coburn?

MR. COBURN: I haven't objected and I'm not objecting on this basis. Although I do have to say, Your Honor, as I've heard Mr. Harding's proffer earlier and I'm sort of cogitating on it, I think there might be a separate point I would like to make when Your Honor has a minute.

THE COURT: Just give me the quick version because we need to break. You can stay there. Just give me the three word version.

MR. COBURN: It sounds like Reynolds was already in talking to the government before the government saying that these

1 statements were made. So sort of putting that together with Your 2 Honor's question to me about whether I was appointed already, and 3 Mr. Gardner already had state counsel, seems like maybe there's kind of a Sixth Amendment issue involved there, also. 4 5 THE COURT: There's a lot going on there. 6 There's a Massiah issue lurking in all MR. CROWE: 7 this. 8 THE COURT: Yeah. Yeah. All right. 9 MR. CROWE: Your Honor, might I suggest that perhaps 10 the government might have a more concrete idea as to precisely 11 what Mr. Reynolds is going to say tomorrow morning before he gets 12 on the stand. 13 THE COURT: Yeah. Let's revisit it tomorrow. MR. HARDING: If the Court is going to consider a 14 15 Massiah type argument here, would the Court give the government 16 an opportunity to be able to respond? Because we --17 THE COURT: You want to hold him off until next week? 18 MR. HARDING: Sure, Your Honor. 19 THE COURT: I think, I think, I think this colloquy has 2.0 brought out a few things that I think Mr. Coburn's entitled to 2.1 reflect on. And so let's hold off on Reynolds until next week.

You've already got it in. The jury's heard the evidence in what I think is an unobjectionable way. I appreciate

Frankly, it just may be, I may be persuaded not to gild the lily,

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you'd like to corroborate Montgomery but both on <a href="Massiah">Massiah</a> and ---let's all think about it a few more days.

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MR. HARDING: I am quite confident the other theme in this defense case is to attack the credibility of Will Montgomery. So the fact that we have the evidence in through Will Montgomery doesn't mean that the defense is now going to lay off Will Montgomery. They're going to attack him viciously in their own cases and in their, and in their close arguments.

THE COURT: Well, I appreciate that. But I have to say, now that you mention it, Mr. Harding, I don't believe the defense touched Mr. Montgomery. I think the government thoroughly impeached Mr. Montgomery. I don't think the defense added anything to Mr. Montgomery. I mean, the fact finder is either going to believe Mr. Montgomery or they're not based on his direct testimony. That's just my sort of horseback view of it.

I don't know how you can, I mean, I've never seen such self-impeachment. But anyway, we'll leave that for another day.

MR. LAWLOR: Judge, can I just ask a couple quick scheduling issues? The Court had mentioned something about 11.

But we're still starting at 9:30?

THE COURT: Yeah, we're going to start at 9:30. And Ms. Rhodes is going to be excused to step out to make a call.

MR. LAWLOR: The second one is, next Tuesday, and I'll just be very brief about this, I have a sentencing at ten in

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       front of Judge Nickerson that I really don't want to continue.
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       I'm wondering if I can be excused. And if it's a witness that I
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       would be covering, which, given the potential lineup, it's
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       can be out of here for an hour next Tuesday?
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                 THE COURT: Not only that, but depending on what we
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       achieve tomorrow and Monday and what the government tells me, I
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       mean, if there really is a chance that the government's going to
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       bring the jury in on Friday.
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                 MR. LAWLOR: And you anticipate otherwise starting late
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       and ending early that day?
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                 THE COURT: Right. I was thinking starting at ten.
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                 MR. LAWLOR: My sentencing's at ten. I don't want to
       hold up the Court. But if the Court would just --
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                 THE COURT: How long do you expect it to take?
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                 MR. LAWLOR: No more than an hour. There's no
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       witnesses. Just argument.
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                 THE COURT: Yeah. I hate for you to be not be here for
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                 MR. LAWLOR: I'll revisit on Monday when we have a
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                 THE COURT: Is there any chance that Judge Nickerson
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                 MR. LAWLOR: You know what, Your Honor? I'll call.
      Even at nine. I'll call. That's a good idea.
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                 THE COURT: I could start at 10:30 and we could go
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       until one.
                 MR. LAWLOR: I'll call the government and the Court and
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                THE COURT: Great. Thank you all very much. We're in
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